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TRUST WILL PAY FOR MISSING SAME SEX WARD DEADLINE

HOSPITAL IS FACING BIG DAILY FINES

THE NHS trust that runs hospitals in Sandwell could be fined thousands of pounds each day after failing to get same all same sex wards in place by a Government deadline.

From tomorrow (Friday), the Government will begin imposing fines of £250 per patient per day on hospitals where patients have to stay on a mixed sex ward.

At Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust, a 25-patient ward at City Hospital, has yet to complete the changes.

This means the trust could potentially be fined £6,250 for every day patients have to stay on that ward.

Bosses must now make a declaration of non-compliance with the national standards. The issue will be discussed by the hospitals' trust board today (Thursday).

Standards

A report written by Sandwell's chief operating officer Richard Kirby states the trust had agreed a plan to ensure it fully complies with national same-sex accommodation standards by the end of March.

His report adds that the trust has made "significant progress" at Sandwell, Rowley Regis and City hospitals.

But the 25-bed elective orthopaedic ward D26 at City Hospital will not be same-sex by Friday, the April 1 deadline.

Mr Kirby states that one of the reasons it was not possible to deliver the change was because the move required investment in additional staffing, which could not be confirmed until the trust had concluded its financial plan.

Meanwhile, Dudley and Wolverhampton hospitals have met the same sex ward dealine.

Samantha Turner, spokeswoman for The Royal Wolverhampton Hospitals NHS Trust, said: "We have regular reports and we have still reported no breaches. We were one of the first in the Black Country to introduce no mixed sex wards."

Marathon runner Denis Keogh, aged 85, who has overcome a crippling injury

Grandfather goes from shuffling to marathons

AN 85-year-old grandfather has proved nothing is impossible after completing a 20-mile run and a half marathon just over a year after seriously injuring his back.

Father-of-seven Denis Keogh, of Perry Hill Road, Oldbury, completed the Stafford Half Marathon in two-and-a- half hours and the weekend before he completed the 20-mile Ashby Road Race in just over four hours.

In February last year he thought he would never run again after fracturing two bones in his spine while moving logs.

He said: "I couldn't run for 11 months, and for three of those I couldn't even walk. I thought I would never be able to run again. I just tried to start walking every day. I would just be shuffling about, I made myself get up and walk.

Distance

"Then on January 4 this year, I was sat with my daughter and I told her I was going to run again. I tried to just do two or three miles a day. It would take me a long time, I was going very slow, but I managed it and just built it up slowly. I did at some points think I would never manage to do it but I just built up the distance over the weeks."

Mr Keogh, who moved to the West Midlands from Limerick in Ireland in 1949, did not start running until he was aged 55. The former West Midlands bus driver, who has five granddaughters, started running after works football and cricket clubs folded because of a lack of players.

Massive legal bill for typist off sick more than 10 years

A FORMER typist who was off work sick for more than 10 years is facing a legal bill for more than £257,000 after losing her claims for compensation.

Cherry Clarke, aged 50, an unemployed mother of four, has vowed to take her case to the European Court of Human Rights to fight what she has branded "ridiculous" costs.

Mrs Clarke, from Great Barr made compensation claims at a tribunal for unfair dismissal, race and disability discrimination and breach of contract against former employers Zurich UK General Services Ltd.

She had been employed by the company at Hagley Road, Birmingham, as a typist but claimed she was unfit to work.

She was off sick between 1992 and 2005 and was eventually dismissed in November 2005.

The firm successfully opposed the claims after complaining Mrs Clarke had not attended work for 10 years and was told by the tribunal it could make a claim for costs.

Mrs Clarke, of Walsall Road, later claimed a medical report about her depression and injured left wrist, which prevented her from typing, had not beengiven enough consideration by the tribunal.

Lost

She lost an appeal against the tribunal decision and then took her case to the Court of Appeal. Her appeal was dismissed.

Now Mrs Clarke has received a Birmingham County Court order instructing her to pay Zurich a total of £257,780 in costs.

She said: "I cannot pay all this money. I have four children and am unemployed."

In a statement Zurich said: "The costs order comes at the end of a long catalogue of employee tribunal hearings and appeals at the behest of Ms Clarke, all of which have found in Zurich's favour."

Cherry Clarke, aged 50

Superwoman without the cape – Esha's praise for her much-loved mother Hem

Esha's praise for her magical mum wins card contest

AN OLDBURY woman who penned the perfect Mother's day message will see her creation in card shops across the country.

Esha Sadier won the national Hallmark competition as part of their Cards for a Cure charity campaign, which each year supports breast cancer charities.

Her personal message to her mum will now be turned in to a Hallmark card, designed by children from educational youth group, Graffiti UK, and will be available to buy for Mother's Day 2012.

Esha's note was amongst the most liked messages posted on a virtual Mums' Wall which was created by Hallmark specifically for the competition.

Over the last few weeks, in the run up to this year's Mother's Day on Sunday, the website http://cardsforacure.hallmark.co.uk received hundreds of heartfelt messages, including contributions from celebrities such as Holly Willoughby.

Magician

Esha's message to her mum, Hem Sadier, read: "She is superwoman, capeless; a wandless magician. She is love as I know it."

Esha said: "I am really chuffed to have been given this creative opportunity and express what my mum means to me. The hardest bit was making it short enough for a greeting's card.

"My mum was really touched by the message and it's good to know I've not only made her happy, but also done something to support breast cancer charities. I hope my card will help make some other mums' mother's day extra special too."

Tamsyn Johnston-Hughes, from Hallmark Cards, said: "I would like to congratulate Esha on her achievement of creating a message that quite obviously is echoed by people throughout the UK – but also thank everyone who has left messages to support Cards for a Cure and breast cancer charities."

Hallmark is now offering an additional prize of the newly released Apple iPad 2 for the next most popular Mother's Day message.

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Palm Sunday

PEOPLE of all faiths who have lost loved ones are invited to remember them at Sandwell Valley Crematorium. Father Ron Farrell, of St Francis of Assisi, Friar Park, will lead the Palm Sunday service on Sunday (April 17) at 3pm at the crem in Forge Lane. For free tickets call (0121) 569 6700.

Free sessions for budding entrepreneurs

A WEST Bromwich library is giving people the chance to bring their business ideas to life.

Central Library will be holding business support and advice sessions for people who have a bright idea but do not know how to make it happen.

The Be Your Own Boss sessions will provide presentations on how to get new businesses started, along with one-to-one talks with advisers. Sandwell libraries are working together with Wolverhampton Network Consortium and Pathways 2 Enterprise to provide the free sessions.

Services

Elaine Williams, information librarian at Central Library, said: "We want to highlight the free services available to people.

"Doing this will hopefully point people who want to start their own business in the right direction."

The two hour sessions, at Central Library, High Street, will be on Tuesday, April 5, from 2 to 4pm, Tuesday, May 3, from 2 to 4pm and Tuesday, June 7, from 2 to 4pm.

To book your place or for further details call 0121 5694911 or email information_service@sandwell.gov.uk.

Black Country poultry tycoon grabs pizza the action

WEST Bromwich poultry tycoon Ranjit Boparan has clinched victory in the fight to take over Northern Foods after announcing that he has secured nearly 80 per cent of the Goodfella's Pizza and Fox's biscuits maker's shares.

Mr Boparan is head of the West Bromwich-based 2 Sisters chicken business and also owner of the Harry Ramsden's fish and chips shops and Fish-Works chains. He said his £342 million bid for Northern had been accepted by 79.52 per cent of the shareholders.

Approval from the competition authorities is the only hurdle that stands between Mr Boparan and owning the Leeds-based company outright.

Merge

He now plans to delist Northern from the stock market and merge it with the 2 Sisters business, creating one of the biggest food suppliers in the UK with a turnover of more than £2 billion.

The 2 Sisters business specialises in supplying raw chicken and prepared chicken products, with brands including Buxted Original and The Devonshire Red. It has 11 factories in the UK, seven in Holland and one in Poland, employing a total of 7,000 people. Northern employs 9,000 people.

Killer abused trust of a vulnerable man he called 'friend'

Friendship is repaid with brutal violence

THE BRUTAL killing of trusting Walter Minter in his Birmingham home displayed a shocking level of violence, according to detectives who brought his killer to justice.

Speaking after Carl Hall was convicted of the murder, Detective Inspector Simon Astle said the victim, known as Stephen to his friends, had been betrayed by Hall.

Smethwick man Hall unleashed a flurry of blows on Mr Minter, striking him with a hammer, a block of wood, a saucepan and at least one knife in the prolonged attack at Mr Minter's Weoley Castle home last August.

DI Astle said: "Walter Minter was a vulnerable member of our community and was in need of friendship and support. Sadly he found the opposite in Carl Hall who abused that trust."

DI Astle added: "Throughout the trial Hall as part of his defence called Stephen his friend. He repaid that friendship in the most brutal way in a prolonged and vicious attack that led to his murder.

"The guilty verdict will not bring Stephen back but I hope it helps his family come to terms with their loss and have some comfort that justice has been served."

Birmingham Crown Court had heard how Hall attacked Mr Minter in his Abdon Avenue home, where Hall had been staying.

During the attack he struck Mr Minter in the face with the hammer which weighed 1.2kg and had sliced his ear five times, probably while he was unconscious.

In a statement the victim's family said: "Stephen's death and the way he died was a great shock to the whole family, especially mum, dad and his two sons.

Slowly

"Although Stephen had problems he was well liked by many people who knew him.

"It's especially sad he should have been killed just after he became a grandfather for the first time and was slowly getting to know his sons after being estranged from them for some time.

"He was taken advantage of by unscrupulous people who recognised a vulnerable person they could manipulate to their own ends.

"Stephen did not deserve to be treated in such a cruel way and did not deserve to be victim of such a sustained violent attack."

Hall, of Great Arthur Street, Smethwick, who has previously served a three- year jail term for violence using weapons, showed no emotion as Judge Inman sentenced him to life in prison.

Walter Minter – victim

Carl Hall – guilty

Pupils plant trees at park

Wood Green Junior School planting 100 trees at Brunswick Park, front, from left, are Brandon Jones, Wayne Gorman, Maisha Rahman, and Maria Tanzim

ONE hundred trees have been planted in a Wednesbury park thanks to a conservation charity and schoolchildren.

Pupils from Wood Green Junior School planted the saplings in Brunswick Park with help from the Friends of Brunswick Park. They were plantednear the bandstand and near to the park clock. The initiative was possible after a successful application to the Woodland Trust.

Friends of Brunswick Park chairman Keith Vaughan said: "It was delightful to see the children involved in this exercise. Initiatives like this give the pupils a sense of ownership at the park. It makes them appreciate it more and see it as their own. The trees and bulbs will now become something they are proud of."

It took the 30 pupils, aged seven to eight, about two hours to plant the trees.

Mountain bike trail plan for the valley

SANDWELL Council finance chief Councillor Steve Eling was this week considering whether the council should bid for £60,000 lottery cash to pay for a mountain bike trail at Jubilee Woods in Sandwell Valley.

The trail would be designed in partnership with Sandwell Primary Care Trust 'Cycling for Health' programme and Sandwell Valley Tails Group, a volunteer cycle group. It wouuld be built by a contractor, though some parts would be built by volunteers who would maintain the trail too.

Jubilee Woods is on the site of the former Jubilee Colliery. which could be commemorated by metal sculptures along the trail.

Investment

Cllr Eling said: "It is part of the overall Sandwell Valley plans. What it demonstrates is that we have said in our budget setting that we were carrying on with our commitment for investment in parks and green spaces and Sandwell Valley is very important to that."

The bike trail follows plans announced to construct a high-rope adventure park at the West Bromwich beauty spot.

Homes will replace pub

DEMOLITION work started last week on a Smethwick pub which was damaged in an arson attack.

The roof of the Falcon in Messenger Road badly damaged in the attack earlier this month.

The Falcon was already set to be bulldozed before the arson to clear the way for the multi-million pound Windmill Eye regeneration scheme.

The site has been earmarked for housing under the £84 million scheme and Sandwell Council recently bought the pub in preparation.

The Falcon was among four pubs in the region hit by arsonists in the space of 24 hours the week before last.

Windmill Eye, an Urban Living regeneration project, will see around 750 new homes built in Smethwick.

Wetherspoon interested in town's old court and library

OLDBURY'S former library and court house looks set to be turned into a pub, in a scheme creating 40 jobs.

Pub giant JD Wetherspoon is negotiating a deal for the building, which dates back to the 1800s. As part of a £1 million revamp, the firm plans to create a beer terrace, refurbish the building and alter the car park.

JD Wetherspoon spokesman Eddie Gershon said: "It's early days. We're always looking for new venues.

"Oldbury is somewhere where we're well known but not very well represented.

"The scheme should create about 40 jobs."

Going on a bear hunt and teddy can go too

FAMILIES are being invited to take part in The Big Bear Hunt in a special event being organised by Sandwell Libraries and Museums next month.

It is being held at the Manor House Museum in Hall Green Road, West Bromwich, on Tuesday, April 12, between 10.30am and 3.30pm.

The family fun-day has been set up to mark the end of the Bookstart Bookcrawl campaign which Sandwell libraries hold every year.

Children will be able to make an explorer kit and go on a bear hunt to search for the Bookstart Bear. They will also be able to go on a storytelling session and visit the mobile library.

To add to the fun, they will also be able to attend a magician's show or have their faces painted. Families are encouraged to bring a picnic and for children to bring their favourite teddy bear. Admission to the event is free. For more information contact Sandwell Early Years Library Service on (0121) 544 3888.

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‘One man crimewave’ is jailed

A BURGLAR has been jailed for five-and-a-half years following a string of raids in Birmingham.

James Franklin, who targeted homes in Great Barr, Queslett and Quinton, was described as a “one man crimewave”. He was sentenced at Birmingham Crown Court after pleading guilty to eight burglaries.

The 32-year-old of no fixed address was arrested in October last year by officers investigating a string of burglaries in Perry Barr, Brown’s Green and Handsworth Wood.

In almost all of the burglaries, Franklin would remove panes of glass from doors or windows to slip into to the house. Once inside, he would search for easy-to-sell items such as cameras, watches, laptops, even make-up and clothing.

Three times Franklin stole the keys to homeowner’s cars to make his getaway.

Franklin was arrested by officers who spotted two of the stolen vehicles – a Renault Clio and an Audi A2 – near to his partner’s home in Handsworth. A search of the property revealed keys to the cars hidden in a pair of boots.

Franklin was also wearing a pair of trainers which matched footwear impressions found at the scene of the burglaries.

Detective Sergeantt Dave Keen from Handsworth police station led the investigation. He said: “We all deserve to feel safe in our homes but James Franklin was a one-man crimewave who targeted hard-working, law abiding people and the elderly. Vigilant police officers, quality forensic evidence and good old-fashioned detective work helped us secure his arrest and conviction.

“The sentence passed demonstrates the serious nature of his crimes.”

James Franklin

Man injured in shooting

A MAN was injured in a shooting outside a house in Tividale.

Two men were arrested on suspicion of attempted murder following the attack in Tividale.

A man in his early 20s suffered minor injuries in the shooting incident in Tower Road during the early hours of Sunday.

The narrow street, just off New Birmingham Road and packed with houses and shops, was sealed off following the drama at 4am.

West Midlands Police confirmed two men in their early 20s had been arrested on suspicion of attempted murder. They have been released without charge and inquiries are ongoing.

Hospital

Detective Inspector Derek Packham from Force CID said: “I can confirm it was a firearm incident. One local man suffered minor injuries and was taken to hospital but has since been discharged.”

The house where the shooting took place is near to the junction of the busy New Birmingham Road.

The road was sealed off until around 10.30am on Sunday.

Anyone with information or any witnesses to the crime can call police on 0345 113 5000.

‘A gross waste of public money’

THE Public arts centre was this week labelled as “perhaps the worst example of a gross waste of public money” in a damning report by MPs on the Arts Council.

The report into how the arts are funded heavily criticised the quango for its role in the West Bromwich arts centre, which has cost £72 million and ran £49m over budget.

The Arts Council has spent more than £32m of taxpayers’ money on the project.

MPs on the House of Commons Culture, Media and Sport Committee accused the Arts Council of a “failure of leadership” on The Public – one of the strongest terms of criticism that can be levelled against a public body.

But the Arts Council retorted that The Public was “old news” and not representative of the organisation’s investments.

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West Bromwich East Labour MP Tom Watson, who sits on the Commons committee, said: “The Arts Council is displaying outrageous complacency and breathtaking arrogance.

Unacceptable

“It is unacceptable to describe their role in the mismanagement of millions of pounds of taxpayers’ money as ‘old news’ when they have not held a single inquiry of their own.”

Sandwell Council pledged it would “never again” allow itself to be put in a position where it would have to act as guarantor on such a project.

In the report, the MPs said: “We note that the case of The Public gallery in West Bromwich is perhaps the worst example of a gross waste of public money by the Arts Council.

“The inability of the current chief executive to provide answers to our questions or demonstrate any serious attempts to learn lessons from the failure of the project does not inspire confidence in the Arts Council or its leadership.”

‘Never again’ vows council boss

SANDWELL Council’s finance boss says the council would never again allow itself to be put into the position of having to rescue “someone else’s” project.

Councillor Steve Eling said it had never been intended that the local authority would be responsible for running The Public.

Its role had been to supply the land for the West Bromwich town centre arts venue by moving the bus station.

But it had to act as guarantor on the funding because neither the community group Jubilee Arts, which first came up with the idea in 1994, nor the Arts Council could provide security on the cash from other sources, such as the European Regional Development Fund or Advantage West Midlands.

That left the council with no legal option other than taking it over. The Public and it has now cost borough taxpayers more than £20m out of the £72m total.

Mess

Cllr Eling said: “We ended up rescuing the project when it fell apart.

“The Arts Council were unable to do that. Their arrangements collapsed. It was an absolute mess.

“The Arts Council was the principal funder. It was their project. But the business case did not stack up.

“They insisted it had to be an iconic building, which it is, and that it had to be a renowned architect, which is how come we had Will Alsop. But there’s a capital cost to iconic buildings.

“This was never supposed to be the council’s but we had to rescue someone else’s project. Because we had to be the guarantor we held the liability.

“This will never happen again.”

Window cleaner sentenced to seven years for attempted rape

A WINDOW cleaner was jailed for seven years for attempting to rape a teenager in Bearwood.

Stephen Cowley, aged 40, only stopped his attack when his victim pleaded for mercy, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard.

Cowley, of Falcon Road, Oldbury, had approached his 17-year-old victim on his orange BMX bike in the early hours of June 10.

Prosecutor Mr Mark Rees said Cowley propositioned her before pushing her. His victim fought back punching him and screaming for help.

Mr Rees said Cowley dragged her to the entrance of Lightwoods Park and tried to open the gates. He pulled her down a nearby alleyway but the teenager pleaded with the defendant and Cowley let her go.

Cowley had initially denied the charge of attempted rape but pleaded guilty on the day of his trial.

Defending Mr Sean Sidhu Brar told the court that Cowley was a family man who had left his job due to drug problems.

Judge Martin Walsh told Cowley: “This was a terrifying experience for this young woman.”

Big Dave’s inner strength

Dave Gauder pulls a fire tender watched by hundreds of schoolchildren

MUSCLE man ‘Big’ Dave Gauder pulled no punches as he delivered a tough anti-bullying message to schoolchildren in Sandwell – dragging a 35-ton fire engine along to get his point across.

Mr Gauder, aged 39, showed his strength to around 250 Smethwick school children by pulling the engine 30 feet outside The Public.

Mr Gauder, who is the only man to have ever pulled Concorde, has been involved in anti-bullying campaigns for the past 10 years. He told the children that he pulled the fire engine to prove that his strength in body is just as strong as their strength in mind.

After watching Dave’s amazing demonstration they took part in workshops with an anti-bullying theme.

He also launched the ‘ Big Dave’s World’ website.

Council aims to evict travellers

SANDWELL Council were this week going to court to seek an eviction order for travellers who have set up camp next to an industrial estate in Great Bridge.

A convoy of caravans has pitched up on wasteland at Bagnall Street Industrial Estate. Firefighters were called to the camp on Sunday afternoon to extinguish a burning caravan.

Plumes of smoke had billowed across the Black Country New Road.

The crew from Tipton was called to extinguish the flames just off Chimney Road at 4.55pm.

Councillor Derek Rowley, Sandwell Council’s cabinet member for safer neighbourhoods, confirmed on Monday that the council would be going to court to seek an eviction order.

The council has had to take action several times to deal with travellers pitching up in parts of the borough in recent months.

In January rubble weighing 25 tons was emptied around a Wednesbury industrial estate to act as a barrier to stop occupation of the land.

Rubbish

Sandwell Council spent £8,000 moving 60 tons of rubbish from a piece of land off St Paul’s road which is also a hotspot for flytipping.

Meanwhile, work on a £1.6 million gipsy site in Tipton is to start soon.

The existing site in Brierley Lane will be cleared and facilities created on land next to it.The site will include 16 pitches, new amenity buildings and landscaping. Work is set to start in May.

The site will be screened from the road by hedges and trees. The total cost of the upgrade is £1,663,326 and is part of a national campaign to spruce up traveller sites across the country, to meet the Government’s Decent Homes Standard.

Play’s unique setting

A UNIQUE play set at an Indian wedding is being performed in real homes across the Black Country.

The drama project involves Kali Theatre Company, The Public arts centre and Black Country Touring.

The play about two generations of sisters, entitled Behna, was written by Sonia Likhari and first performed in Birmingham last year in a co-production with Birmingham Rep. Until April 15, The kitchen of a real West Bromwich home will be the setting for the production which blends drama and comedy.

For further information call The Public on (0121) 533 7161. There are also plans to stream the play on the internet on Friday, April 8. See www.thepublic.com for details.

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'Dangerous' bus lane to be removed

A "DANGEROUS" bus lane is to be removed from a busy Wednesbury road after motorists complained many drivers were ignoring the restriction.

The move comes after months of campaigning by residents who feared someone could be seriously injured or killed at High Bullen in Wednesbury.

Motorists have been spotted repeatedly using the bus lane to overtake g other cars and there have been reports of near-misses with those drivers correctly using the right hand lane before turning left into Church Hill, across the bus lane.

Around £15,000 will be spent removing signage and revoking the legal order for the lane, which was introduced in 2004 as part of the 311/313 bus showcase scheme to improve the reliability of services.

Dodgems

Campaigner Alison Spencer, aged 40, from Windmill Street, said: "We have been campaigning about this for some time.

"I have nearly been killed on it because drivers are using the lane when they shouldn't be. They are zooming through and nearly causing accidents.

"The removal of the lane is brilliant news. We haven't got to play dodgems with the traffic or worry about drivers coming up the wrong lane. It is going to make it a lot easier."

Wednesbury Councillor Elaine Costigan added: "It is what the people have wanted."

In a report to Cllr Derek Rowley, Sandwell's cabinet member for safer neighbourhoods, council officers recommended the bus lane remain as there had been no reported traffic accidents causing injury since the bus lane had been introduced.

However, Cllr Rowley said: "There are no accident statistics but there have been lots of near misses."

Park planting

GREEN fingered tenants and residents on West Bromwich estate Hawthorn Fields have been planting bulbs at the Balls Hill Park in Crookhay Lane.

Friends of Millfields Green Spaces, a group of volunteers, were helped by youngsters at Moorlands Primary School in Winchester Road.

Police

Volunteers from Riverside, which manages homes on the estate, council officers, park officers and police also helped. Ball Hill Park was built by Groundwork at a cost of £45,000. It was funded by Play Pathfinder fund and opened last summer.

Look Who's coming

THE WORLD of Doctor Who and other science fiction favourites will be the subject of an exhibition at West Bromwich arts venue The Public from Wednesday, April 6.

Out Of This Universe will feature props, models, costumes, toys and memorabilia from hit productions such as Doctor Who and Stars Wars. Models of Daleks, Wall-E, R2D2 and a Tardis, from the collection of Nigel Parkes, will be on display at the New Street arts centre until June 26.

Call 0121 533 7161 to find out more.

Thief stole sat-nav from car

A CRADLEY Heath man has received an suspended sentence for stealing from two vehicles.

Jason Billingham, aged 23, of Vale Court, admitted taking a driving licence from a car which had been left unsecured at a car park in Cradley Heath on February 28. Warley Magistrates Court also heard that Billingham had broken into a car parked in Brandon Way, West Bromwich, on the evening of March 6.

Prosecutor Miss Maxine Jarrousse told the court: "The defendant smashed the offside window."

The court heard that this theft was caught on CCTV and police arrested Billingham near the scene. He had taken a satellite navigation system and an MP3 player, both returned to the owner.

Billingham pleaded guilty to both charges of theft from a motor vehicle. Magistrates sentenced Billingham to eight weeks in prison which was suspended for a year.

He was also given a community order with supervision for 12 months.

Allison's new role

A COMMUNITY arts teacher has been elected vice-chairman of Lyng Community Association.

Allison Franks has lived on the estate for 14 years and has been involved with the association, and the tenants' and residents' association before that, for 18 years.

The 42-year-old mother-of-one has her own business making stained glass and silver artwork and jewellery, and runs art workshops in schools.

She said: "I'm looking forward to working on behalf of the estate's residents."

The association, which owns and manages 86 homes on the estate, is working with the council and Barratt West Midlands to rejuvenate the area.

Woman subjected to horrific rape ordeal

A BURGLAR who raped a vulnerable woman after breaking into her Sandwell home in the middle of the night has been jailed indefinitely for public protection.

The 58-year-old victim had been confined to the house by her fear of open spaces for five years before the horrifying seven-hour ordeal at the hands of Clive Holgate.

During the attack deliberately threw away her glasses to prevent her seeing him properly.

She woke to find the 52-year-old career criminal at her bedside demanding money.

He then forced her into sex despite her brave attempt to fight him off, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard last week.

Homeless Holgate had a long history of offending included two previous convictions in which elderly women were terrified during break-ins.

After the attack on his victim he continued to order the distressed victim hand over cash before he finally fell asleep, said Mr Jasvir Mann, prosecuting.

Police were alerted after she crept upstairs with a cordless phone to rouse her daughter, who rang 999 and sent officers to the house in West Bromwich on December 12 last year.

Housebound

Mr Mann said: "Both the woman and her daughter suffer from agoraphobia and had not been out for five years. They were effectively housebound.

"The daughter slept upstairs while her mother went to bed downstairs."

He added: "She was worried because she did not want him to discover that her daughter was asleep upstairs."

Holgate admitted rape, burglary and assaulting police.

Judge Michael Dudley told him he must serve at least four years and six months before being considered for release and will be on the sex offenders register for the rest of his life.

Police chased copper tank crook along the high street

A PROLIFIC thief who stole a copper water tank was chased by police down Smethwick High Street carrying it under his arm in a bin liner, a court heard.

Aubrey Blick, of Douglas Road, Oldbury, admitted the theft on February 6. He also pleaded guilty to failing to surrender to bail by failing to appear at Warley Magistrates' Court on March 21 in relation to the same crime.

Maxine Jarrousse, prosecuting, told magistrates that police officer were following a well-known offender when they saw him meet Blick, who had a large object in a bin bag.

Police chased the pair of them along Smethwick High Street and a railway bridge, the court heard.

Miss Jarrousse added: "He does have offences of dishonesty on his record but the last was a serious offence of robbery back in 2008. He also tested positive for class A drugs – cocaine – in custody."

Mr Milo Turner, defending, said there were no aggravating features to the theft and it was not known where the water tank came from.

On Blick's failure to appear at court, Mr Turner added: "He thought it was a different date. From speaking to him in the cells, he believed it was tomorrow he was due to appear.

"Bearing in mind his lack of dishonesty since 2008, which is more than three years ago, and his guilty plea here, I would ask you to give him full credit."

Passing sentence, magistrates said Blick's record showed a clear "propensity for theft".

Chairman of the bench Dennis Andrews added: "We do have to note that you haven't had any dishonesty offences since 2008. You were serving a rather long sentence at the time though.

Benefits

"Because you appear to not have avoided trouble for the last few years, we are going to give you a conditional discharge for two years."

Blick was also fined £50 for failing to appear at court with a £15 victim surcharge.

Because he was in receipt of job-seekers' allowance of £130 per fortnight, the magistrates made an order for the amount to be deducted from his benefits.

The copper tank was worth £100. There was no order for costs.

Footballers back Blind Dave

Fundraiser Blind Dave is joined by, from left, Jonas Olsson and Carlos Cuéllar and back, from left, Tony 'Bomber' Brown, Malcolm Page and Bobby Thomson

FOOTBALLERS past and present helped to launch a West Bromwich fundraiser's latest challenge.

Current Albion defender Jonas Olsson and 1970s Albion star Tony 'Bomber' Brown were among the players backing 'Blind' Dave Heeley, aged 52, at Birmingham Council House.

They were joined by Villa defender Carlos Cuéllar, former Villa and Birmingham City player Bobby Thomson and former Birmingham City player Malcolm Page.

Albion, Villa and Blues will be seeking five supporters each to join Baggies fan Dave as the clubs' official representatives on the Birmingham leg of the marathon man's next big fundraiser.

Father-of-three Dave, from West Bromwich, is planning to run 10 marathons and cycle more than 800 miles during his Top2Toe Epic Fundraiser from John'O Groats in Scotland to Land's End in Cornwall over ten days in August to raise £100,000 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

For more information on how fans can apply to join Dave for the day on August 16, see page 59.

Turn of the screw on number plate crime

SANDWELL motorist are being encouraged to turn the screw on thieves who target number plates – by securing them with screws that can't be turned.

Recently officers from Smethwick neighbourhood team conducted a 'secure your number plate' initiative on Tollgate car park, Smethwick.

Police officers and PCSOs helped to secure more than 60 registration plates with anti- theft screws. The metal screws have a sloping notch which allows them to be screwed in clockwise but not rotated out.

Sergeant Giles Dean from the Smethwick neighbourhood team, said: "Theft of number plates is an increasing problem nationally and we have assisted many people in Smethwick with a simple and cost effective solution to prevent them from becoming victims of this crime.

"Having your vehicle number plates stolen and subsequently used in crime can cause a lot of inconvenience and annoyance. Several people who came along had previously been victims."

Care home help plea

A CARE home provider for hundreds of people across the Black Country which is facing a financial crisis has pleaded with Government bosses to "top up" empty beds with NHS patients.

Southern Cross Healthcare, which runs dozens of homes in the region, has been hit by local authorities cutting the fees they are willing to pay and also by increased rent charges.

Patients

It has emerged the company, which runs eight homes in Sandwell, five in Dudley, five in Walsall and two in the Wolverhampton, has pleaded with the Government to house NHS patients in its homes in a bid to bolster numbers.

Warley Labour MP John Spellar has called for the Government to take action to safeguard the care homes.

Under-nines' sponsor call

YOUNG footballers in the Black Country who have proved they have what it takes on the pitch are calling on business bosses to back them with sponsorship.

The Greets Green FC Under-9s team was formed two years ago involving children who had never played football in a team before.

Team secretary Dean Hollowood said last season the team never won a game, although this season they had claimed victory in nine out of 12 games. Now the team, which trains at the George Salter Collegiate Academy in West Bromwich, is looking for support. Contact Mr Hollowood on dahggfc@rocketmail.com or visit greetsgreenfc.co.uk.

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Service to help parents of disabled children

A BEFRIENDING service offering one-to-one emotional support to parents with disabled children in Sandwell has been launched.

The Face 2 Face scheme, managed by national disability charity Scope, provides a network of trained volunteers who have children with disabilities or special needs and can share their experience.

The team have completed a 10-week training course and will offer home visits, helping parents make positive adjustments to news that their child has a disability or impairment. The service was launched at The Public in West Bromwich, where Sandwell's Deputy Mayor Councillor Joyce Underhill presented certificates to the first befrienders.

They include Marianne Earp, aged 43, and Teresa Culverwell, 53, both of Tipton, Sarah Thompson, 34, of Friar Park, Gaynor Blunn, 47, of Stone Cross, Jaspreet Kular, 30, of Great Barr, and Helen Wright, 38, of Wednesbury. Anyone elseinterested in joining the service is urged to get in touch.

Co-ordinator of the scheme Sharon Sambrook, whose son Ben was diagnosed with a malignant brain tumour when he was eight, said: "This is something very dear to my heart as when Ben was first diagnosed with a brain tumour the bottom fell out of my world. There was no-one to talk to, no-one to listen and who could really understand.

Emotional

"I embarked on an emotional journey that I didn't choose to go on and it was very lonely and isolating."

The 41-year-old from Aldridge added: "There is a very real need for the emotional support our Face 2 Face scheme can provide to families in Sandwell.

"Often just being able to talk to someone who understands the challenges and roller-coaster of emotions involved in having a disabled child can make a huge difference."

People interested in becoming befrienders must have two or more years experience in caring for a child with a disability.

For details call Mrs Sambrook on 07875 096765 or alternatively email her at sharon.sambrook@scope.org.uk

Mother tells of 'intense pain' over son's death

Joshua McAuley: popular student had bright future ahead

Mahamed Salam: his dangerous driving caused student's death

A DRIVER has been jailed for six years for cauing the death of a popular and talented teenager from Smethwick.

The family of a 15-year-old Joshua McAuley, who was killed when a car crashed into a shop last May, are still in "intense pain" over his death.

Jehovah's Witness Joshua, of Church Gardens, had been out preaching when he was struck by Mahamed Salam's red Vauxhall Astra and pinned against a shop front in Cape Hill on May 15.

Salam, aged 29, of Green Street, West Bromwich, was sentenced last week at Wolverhampton Crown Court to six years in prison. He was disqualified from driving for 10 years after admitting causing death by dangerous driving.

In a statement read to the court, Joshua's mother Denise McAuley said: "The pain I feel now is so intense. I wish it would go away.

"It is like I have been cheated by the death of Josh.

"My dear Josh went out of the house happy and never returned."

Wolverhampton Crown Court heard that the Shireland Collegiate Academy student had been waiting outside the shop while his friend went in to buy a drink.

Wreckage

The teenager was trapped in the wreckage at Saya Interntional Foods for an hour and airlifted to Selly Oak hospital, where he later died six hours later.

He turned down a blood transfusion due to his religious beliefs, it later emerged.

Elders from the congregation at Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Smethwick, where Joshua's family worshipped, said he was conscious and made the choice personally.

In mitigation Mr Anthony Potter said Salam, who left the scene after the crash, did so because of "shock and fear".

Sentencing, Judge Martin Walsh told Salam: "A young life was taken away and a family damaged, if not destroyed, by the consequences of your actions.

"No sentence this court can impose can be, or should be, seen to be a reflection of the value of the life lost."

At the June 22 opening of the inquest into Joshua McAuley's death, Black Country Coroner Robin Balmain said the youngster suffered severe leg injuries in the crash and needed surgery.

Mr Balmain said he was told there was no blood transfusion due to the teenager's religious beliefs.

Speaking after sentencing, Inspector Mark Watkins, from West Midlands Police's Collision Investigation Unit, said: "Salam drove in a dangerous manner on a busy main road on a Saturday morning and Joshua's death was a direct consequence of Salam's dangerous driving."

Mark Grundy, headteacher of Shireland Collegiate Academy described Joshua as an "outstandingly talented young man who had an incredibly bright future ahead of him".

Firm HQ move to Oldbury

ACCOUNTANCY firm Crowe Clark Whitehill is to relocate its Midland headquarters to Oldbury, bringing 90 jobs to the town.

The firm has announced plans to move to Black Country House. It will close existing operations in Walsall and Kidderminster.

Johnathan Dudley, managing partner, said: "Our Midlands offices in Kidderminster and Walsall have served us well but for some time, we have wanted to bring the two together. Uniting in one location will help bring to fruition our plans to further develop our services.

Prosperity

"We relish the challenge of helping our clients play a lead role in the regeneration and future prosperity of not just the Black Country but the Midlands as a whole."

No date has been set for the move to the building in Rounds Green Road but bosses at Crowe Clark Whitehill say the transition will be completed by the end of this year.

It is thought the vast majority of existing staff will transfer to the new headquarters.

Green homes scheme

CONTRACTORS have begun building 15 "green" apartments in Raglan Road, Smethwick. Sandwell Council is stumping up £1.5million for the scheme, with £780,000 from the Homes and Communities Agency. The flats, which will be rented out by Sandwell Homes, will harvest rainfall and use solar panels to supply electricity. They are being built by E Manton Ltd.

Council buy electric cars to save money

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A FLEET of electric cars costing £500,000 is being bought by Sandwell Council.

The authority plans to add 10 of the vehicles to its current bank of pool cars in a bid to save money as fuel costs soar.

Charging points will be installed across the borough to keep the vehicles running..

The announcement comes after council leader Darren Cooper agreed plans to reduce mileage payments to staff.

The authority had hoped to reduce the amount claimed by staff who use their cars for work – from 65p per mile to 40p – in a bid to save £1.1 million.

In his Budget last week Chancellor George Osborne revealed "approved mileage payments" would increase to 45p per mile, so Cllr has agreed to adopt this figure as the council's new basic rate.

But the knock on effect of that is the wiping wout £100,000 that the council hoped to save.

He said the new rates would come in "as soon as possible" after plans were passed at his Cabinet Action Team meeting.

Expenses

Cllr Cooper said the reduced petrol expenses and the introduction of electric cars were all part of plans to save money.

He said: "Despite the change we still expect to make significant savings, which will help us protect front line services.

"We will also invest in the purchase of electric cars to add to our pool cars. "This will cost us around half a million pounds but it is investing to save in the long run."

Residents win battle to get road repaired

A PROBLEM Wednesbury road is set to undergo repairs after a lengthy campaign by residents.

The stretch of Parkdale Avenue in Wednesbury was created when homes were built decades ago but the council never adopted the road, meaning it was under no obligation to carry out repairs.

It has been left to fall into disrepair and now needs extensive work.

Petition

Residents say they have been complaining for years that the road has become dangerous.

In 1997 the council even carried out work on one side of the road, which was adopted, but left the other untouched.

Last December residents of Parkdale Avenue, Churchfields Road and Vicarage Road in the town submitted a petition to the borough's safety boss, Councillor Derek Rowley, asking for the improvements to be made.

Now works costing £24,500, which will see footway and carriageway reconstruction and re-kerbing as well as the provision of extra drainage, have been approved.

Wednesbury North Councillor Elaine Costigan, who has been working with residents to highlight the issue, said: "It has just been untouched for donkeys years.

"We have tried to get it sorted before with no joy and so we got a petition together. The residents were at their wits end.

"I am just so thrilled that the council has looked at doing it.

"It is great that the council has seen sense."

The works will be funded from the council's highways maintenance budget and residents are now being given a month to object to the works going ahead, before the improvements begin.

Cllr Derek Rowley, cabinet member for safer neighbourhoods at Sandwell Council, said: "The road was never subject to a Section 38 agreement where the council inspect it and adopt it.

Land

"We can't formally adopt it because we don't own the land.

"The original developer owns the land.

"However, because of the state of this land and the fact there is a disabled resident using a wheelchair living nearby, we have taken the decision to carry out the work."

Plea from horse owners

Vernon Farrington, front, from Tipton, with fellow horse owner Chris Wright

HORSE owners are lobbying council chiefs after Sandwell bosses threatened to seize animals on local authority land and then send owners the bill for caring for the animal.

Sandwell Council is to remove horses that are found either tethered or wandering the streets .

It has been estimated that there are up to 60 horses on the streets of Tipton alone.

Representatives of Wolverhampton City Council have met with officers from Sandwell to discuss the issue and police and local authority bosses in Dudley are about to tackle stray horses in their borough.

Councillor Derek Rowley, Sandwell Council's neighbourhoods chief, said: "I have been approached by a number of horse owners about this issue.

"Our first priority is getting a group of around 10 horses that are roaming free and causing imminent danger to the public off the streets.

"We will then be entering into discussions with more reasonable horse owners who at least tether their horses, about the best way forward."

Former scrap metal collector Vernon Farrington, aged 56, who has four cob horses tethered in Tipton, said tethering horses on open land has been a tradition for generations. The father-of-two, of Summer Road, Tipton, said: "I agree with the council that the stray horses need to be moved but I don't see what the problem is with the tethered horses. I started scrap metal collecting about 40 years ago and, although I gave up about 20 years ago, I still have my horse Sparky from those days. The horse is 26 now and very dear to us."

Mr Farrington used to tether his horses in Lichfield Street but moved them after the council announced its move. He added: "I have offered to pay to tether my animals on council land. Irresponsible people who let their horses roam the streets need to be tackled but those who keep their horses as we do are being unfairly targeted."

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Students may not afford to go to college, warns MP

THE new £77 million Sandwell College being constructed in the heart of West Bromwich could struggle to fill its 10,000 student places, according to an MP

Adrian Bailey said that scrapping the Education Maintenance Allowance grant – which gives post 16-students £30 a week – could mean the college struggling to fill all of its courses. The EMA scheme is being scrapped this year and Mr Bailey, MP for West Bromwich West, said the move could put students off from continuing in education.

At a meeting to discuss local government funding at arts centre The Public, Mr Bailey said: "Less than 300 yards away is a brand new, state-of-the-art, almost completed college.Now they could have problems filling the places.

"There is a huge amount of evidence that young people from lower incomes do aspire to go to university.

"Education Maintenance Allowance is vital in providing money for them to get there and buy the food they need."

Sandwell College, which operates from three sites in West Bromwich Smethwick and Oldbury, has 6,000 students and 600 staff.

Capacity will increase by 4,000 when it moves to its new site in Spon Lane, in January next year.

But college bosses say they are confident pupils will still want to continue studies post-16.

Problems

Val Bailey, Sandwell College Principal said: "We anticipate no problems with recruiting for courses. Numbers of applications from school leavers are already up by 36 per cent, compared with this time last year.

"Although EMA has been withdrawn, we anticipate that other funding will be available to disadvantaged students."

Solihull MP Lorely Burt has suggested the Government was planning to make extra cash available to youngsters studying past the age of 16.

At the same meeting she said: "We want young people to have the aspiration to go university. We may well find something in the budget targeted to specific needs, rather than giving cash in hand."

Brain damaged man gets £6m in compensation

Christopher Langford

THE mother of a brain-damaged Tipton man who received more than £6 million in compensation after hospital failures during his birth said she hoped lessons had been learned.

Christopher Langford, now aged 23, was left with cerebral palsy caused by a six-minute delay during his delivery at Sandwell Hospital in October 1987, which starved his brain of oxygen.

Mr Langford was delivered by midwives after a scan showed he had an abnormal heartbeat but an obstetrician failed to attend. Had he been born six minutes earlier he would not have suffered brain damage.

The High Court in Birmingham last week approved a lump sum of more than £2.75m plus annual payments to ensure he has access to the care and rehabilitation he will need for the rest of his life.

His mother Amanda Langford said: "No amount of money can ever give him the normal life he should have had.

"I really hope the hospital has learned lessons so that no other parent has to go through the heartache we have suffered."

Normal

She added: "I took legal action because I was determined to prove their mistake robbed my son of a normal life.

"Christopher is a very happy young man and has a real love of life but he naturally gets frustrated that he cannot do the things that most of us take for granted."

The decision follows a legal fight between Mr Langford's lawyers, Irwin Mitchell Solicitors, and West Midlands Strategic Health Authority who refused to admit liability for the delays in his delivery.

But in February 2009, a judge at the Royal Courts of Justice found that if Christopher had been born six minutes earlier, he would have avoided the majority of his injuries.

Mandy Luckman, a partner with Irwin Mitchell solicitors, said the case proved how crucial fast action could be for unborn babies.

She added: "Today's settlement should not be viewed as a lottery win but will provide Christopher with financial security to pay for the lifetime of care he will need.

"It also provides his mother with the peace of mind that in the years ahead Christopher will always be well provided for."

Warley magistrates court watch

RECENT convictions at Warley Magistrates' Court included:

Mohammed Ashfaq, aged 33, of Durban Road, Smethwick: Jailed for 16 weeks for failing without reasonable excuse to comply with the requirements of a community order.

Steven John Botfield, aged 18, of Walsall Road, West Bromwich: Given a 12 month community order, 240 hours unpaid work, ordered to pay £2,000 compensation and £85 costs for stealing jewellery to the value of £2,000 and for failing without reasonable exc-use to surrender to custody at Warley Magistrates Court having been released on bail.

Allan John Cooper, aged 45, of Kenmure Road, Sheldon, Birmingham: Fined £260 with £60 costs, ordered to pay £15 victim surcharge and disqualified from driving for 12 months for driving a Ford van on Newton Road without a licence or insurance.

Kerry Ann James (alias: Kerry Ann Smith), aged 40, of Granville Road, Cradley Heath: Bound over in the sum of £100 for six months to keep the peace for having behaved in a manner whereby a breach of the peace had been committed.

Martin Wilkes, aged 47, of Broad Lane, Essington: Fined £60 with £60 costs, ordered to pay £15 victim surcharge and endorsed three points on licence for driving a Fiat Punto on A34 Birmingham Road approaching Peakhouse Road while exceeding the speed limit.

Andrew James Williams (alias: Andrew Austin Williams and Andrew Williams), aged 38, of Bearwood Road, Bearwood: Jailed for 32 weeks for stealing one bottle of Grouse Whiskey to the value of £14.95 from Asda and for having entered as a trespasser a building, namely Age UK charity shop, with intent to steal.

David Jason Haycox, aged 43, of Staite Drive, Cookley, Worcestershire: Given a 12 month community order, 100 hours unpaid work, ord-ered to pay £100 compensation and £280 costs for having had with him on Thorne Road, Rowley Regis, an off-ensive weapon – a baseball bat – without lawful authority or reasonable excuse, and for causing assault.

Anil Khuttan, aged 21, of Coronation Road, Great Barr: Fined £300 with £85 costs, ordered to pay £15 victim surcharge and disqualified from driving for 18 months for driving a Corsa on Cross Lane, Great Barr, while exceeding the prescribed limit of alcohol.

Tendai Sithole, aged 34, of Meredith Road, Wolverhampton: Fined £135 with £85 costs, ordered to pay £15 victim surcharge and disqualified from driving for three years for driving an Audi A4 on Woden Road South without a licence and while exceeding the prescribed limit of alcohol.

Ryan Ashley Taylor, aged 20, of Moyses Croft, Smethwick: Fined £165 with £85 costs, ordered to pay £15 victim surcharge and disqualified from driving for 36 months for being in possession of a quantity of cannabis and for driving a Ford Focus on Toll House Way, Smethwick, without a licence or insurance.

Leon Malcolm Ward, aged 27, of Webb Road, Tipton, Dudley: Fined £300, ordered to pay £15 victim surcharge and disqualified from driving for 12 months for driving a Fiat Punto on Webb Road without insurance, while exceeding the prescribed limit of alcohol, and for causing damage to a street lamp post to the value of £4,999 belonging to Sandwell Council.

Richard Dennis George Anderson (alias: Richard Anderson), aged 26, of West Boulevard, Quinton, Birmingham: Fined £825 with £85 costs, ordered to pay £15 victim surcharge and endorsed six points on licence for driving a Corsa on Black Lake without insurance, and for failing to produce a licence or insurance upon examination.

Matthew Brian Cox, aged 31, of Geneva Road, Tipton: Fined £525 with £85 costs, ordered to pay £15 victim surcharge and endorsed eight points on licence for driving a Peugeot 306 on Geneva Road Junction with Shrubbery Avenue without due care and attention.

Leon Finch, aged 35, of Highbury Avenue, Rowley Regis: Fined £175 with £85 costs and ordered to pay £15 victim surcharge for driving a Vauxhall Astra on Wolverhampton Road while using a hand-held mobile phone and for failing to produce a licence upon examination.

Lee David Gardner, aged 24, of Sheldon Hall Avenue, Tile Cross, Birmingham: Fined £700 with £85 costs, ordered to pay £15 victim surcharge and endorsed six points on licence for driving a Ford Transit on Gladstone Street without a licence or insurance.

William Green, aged 31, of Hampton Court, Coseley: Fined £875 with £85 costs, ordered to pay £15 victim surcharge and endorsed six points on licence for driving a Ford Transit on Shaftsbury Street without a licence, MoT or insurance.

Arif Hussain, aged 35, of Long Street, Atherstone, Warwickshire: Fined £525 with £85 costs and endorsed six points on licence for driving a Honda Civic on Newton Road without insurance.

Raj Kumar Mahay, aged 33, of Broughton Road, Handsworth: Fined £700 with £85 costs, ordered to pay £15 victim surcharge and endorsed six points on licence for driving a Volkswagen Golf on Bearwood Road without insurance or MoT, and for failing to produce a licence, insurance or MoT certificate upon examination.

Sarbast Khareb Mohammed (alias: Sabast Mohammed), aged 34, of Sparkhill Road, Smethwick: Fined £700 with £85 costs, ordered to pay £15 victim surcharge and endorsed six points on licence for driving a Vauxhall Astra on Bearwood Road without a licence or insurance.

Anthony Myers, aged 48, of Anglesey Avenue, Smithswood, Birmingham: Fined £175 with £85 costs, ordered to pay £15 victim surcharge and endorsed three points on licence for driving a Ford Transit Connect on A34 Birmingham Road approaching Peakhouse Road while exceeding the speed limit.

Mohammed Shayrez Ali, aged 22, of Waterloo Road, Smethwick: Fined £175 with £85 costs and endorsed three points on licence for driving a Subaru on Dial Lane while using a hand-held mobile phone and for failing to produce a licence or MoT certificate upon examination.

Bed sores cost more than £2m

TREATMENT for patients with bed sores in hospitals in the Sandwell area has cost nearly £2.5 million in less than a year, new figures reveal.

The £2,422,000 bill has been flagged up to the board of Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust.

Costs include paying for special mattresses filled with air which help support patients in a similar way to a water bed.

Health bosses, however, say new figures reveal they have cut the cost of treating sores by as much as £50,000 a month.

Training

Trust board spokeswoman Jessamy Kinghorn said: "We have put a major focus on reducing those we can prevent through focusing training in certain areas, observing patient care and carrying out ward spot checks, post-operative re-assessment, purchase of new equipment such as special mattresses, heel troughs and muffs, and targeted audits."

Treating bed sores is estimated at around four per cent of the entire NHS spending and a national initiative to reduce the number of cases was announced in November

Latest gadgets on show

THE UK's leading consumer electronics show, The Gadget Show Live, is at Birmingham's NEC from April 13 to 17.

Jam-packed with new tech launches and the best in gaming, it's the UK's largest event to try and buy the latest gadgets and catch a glimpse of tomorrow's technology.

Based on the popular Channel Five TV show, The Gadget Show Live has quadrupled in size since it began in 2009 and this year expects 100,000 visitors through the door. It features 250 of the world's leading electronics firms, including Sony, Samsung, Panasonic, JVC, Nintendo and LG, and features many UK product premieres.

New tech includes the latest smart TVs from Sony, Panasonic and LG, which boast not only the usual HD and 3D capabilities, but alsostreaming content and online applications. There will also be an hour long live theatre version of the TV show three times a day. The event is set to be a sell out but go to www.gadgetshowlive.net for the latest information.

Close cut – Des Weaver has his beard shaved off for charity by Debbi Perks

New look for 'Uncle Albert'

Like Uncle Albert – before the cut

A PENSIONER had the beard he cultivated for 14 months shaved off for two good causes.

With his facial hair reaching 10 inches long, Des Weaver, aged 69, said he endured plenty of comparisons with Uncle Albert, a character from the TV comedy series Only Fools and Horses.

However, the whiskers were finally removed at Esquire hairdressers in Beet Street, Rowley Regis.

The father-of-four, from The Mount, Cradley Heath, said: "I'm actually sad to see them go.

"So many people have come up to me to have a laugh and a joke about it and what I am doing.

"I had great fun growing the beard. People didn't believe I'd only been growing it for 14 months."

Mr Weaver hopes to raise £1,000 whichwill be split between Birmingham Children's Hospital and the British Lung Foundation.

He struck upon the idea when a friend offered him cash to get rid of the beard.

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College principal and chief executive Dr Christine Braddock, celebrates the launch with International Development Secretary Andrew Mitchell and managing director for Samsung Electronics (UK) Limited David S W Song.

College teams up with world electronics giant

A BIRMINHAM college with a Great Barr campus has linked up with electronics giant Samsung to launch a new academy.

The centre will train workers to maintain the latest fridges, freezers and household electrical goods.

The Samsung Digital Appliance Academy will be the main hub for training the company's premier service centre staff from across the UK.

It will provide engineers with the opportunity to develop their skills to work with the latest appliances.

Samsung's initiative with Birmingham Metropolitan College is a flexible programme of work-based vocational modules, as well as on-site assessments at the new state-of-the-art learning centre housed in the college's James Watt Campus, Great Barr.

Eager

College principal and chief executive Dr Christine Braddock said the move "shows how eager we are to support the professional development of workers from across these industries".

Image of £13m YMCA revealed

THE image (bottom right) shows the dramatic impact of the new £13 million YMCA complex in West Bromwich.

A planning application for the seven-storey glass-fronted building has now been submitted following a consultation process and the artist's impression shows the full scale of the project.

Members of the public had the chance to view the designs for the landmark building at an exhibition earlier this month.

Steve Clay, chief executive of West Bromwich YMCA, said: "This is an important project for West Bromwich as a whole and I know Sandwell Council sees the scheme as a priority."

When it is finished the new building will include a new day nursery, split-level gym and fitness suite.

Above: YMCA chief executive Steve Clay, trustee and YMCA member Brenda Moore and project architect Dean Shaw
Below: An image of the new buildingwhich is on show

School may move to cope with demand

AN over-subscribed Oldbury school could move to a larger site in the town to cope with demand.

Bristnall Hall Technology College is in talks to relocate to the Oldbury College of Sport site in Moat Road.

The college of sport will be vacated when pupils move in to new £20 million premises under construction in Pound Road. This would give Bristnall Hall, which already has 938 pupils, the space it needs to cope with demand. Options include moving all pupils to the new site. Another is to split pupils between its current home in Bristnall Hall Lane and Moat Road.

Councillor Bob Badham, the borough's education chief, said: "We're going to have a meeting about this soon and Bristnall Hall moving to the Oldbury College of Sport site is a possibility.

"Obviously it is in the early stages so we will look at a variety of solutions to the over-subscription.

Options

"When Oldbury College of Sport moves to Pound Road the Moat Road site will become vacant – so it's not a case of evicting anyone. All the options will be discussed."

Headteacher Stephen Venross said the move would be welcomed.

Oldbury College of Sport was formed when Warley High School and Langley High School merged in 2007.

Under the £20m building programme the college will operate soley from its new Pound Road site, originally Warley High School. Blocks have been demolished and trees cleared to make way for the buildings, leaving the Moat Road site empty.

School inspectors Ofsted recently rated the Bristnall Hall Lane school as good, with "significant" increases in attainment since 2008. Inspector Davinder Dosanjh said: "The college's specialist status in technology is a driving force for change and improvement."

Teaching was rated as "outstanding" in some cases."

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Stourport's Fiona Walker, the woman in the famous Athena poster, at Christie's with the legendary calendar photo

Iconic cheeky poster in city art exhibition

A WOMAN who became the nation's most popular pin-up 35 years ago was at the preview of a Birmingham art exhibition dedicated to tennis.

When Oldbury photographer Martin Elliott's picture of his then girlfriend cheekily hitching up her skirt to reveal a buttock during a game of tennis was picked up by poster company Athena in the 1970s, it became one of the most popular posters ever in the UK.

The tennis girl Fiona Walker, who now lives in Worcestershire, was at Christie's in London last week to launch Court on Canvas – an exhibition exploring tennis as a subject in art which will runs from May 27 to September 18 at the Barber Institute of Fine Arts in Edgbaston, Birmingham.

The 1976 photograph by former Oldbury Grammay School pupil Martin Elliott, was taken of his girlfriend at the time, 18-year-old student Fiona Butler, from Stourbridge, at Edgbaston Tennis Club. She could not actually play tennis.

The photograph was licensed to Athena for a calendar for the Queen's Silver Jubilee in 1977, and became a cheeky, sexy icon.

Fiona Butler went on to marry multi-millionaire Ian Walker and now lives in Stourport.

Mr Elliott, who got royalties for the popular picture, moved to Cornwall where he died a year ago after a long battle with cancer.

Unique

The first game of lawn tennis was played in 1859 by Major Harry Gem and his friend, Jean Batista Augurio Perera, on a court at the latter's home, at number 8, Ampton Road, Edgbaston. The unique exhibition Court on Canvas: Tennis in Art at the Barber – less than half a mile from the birthplace of the modern game – is the first to explore the subject of tennis in art.

It brings together paintings, drawings and sculptures inspired by the game, including Sir John Lavery's The Tennis Party and works by artists as diverse as LS Lowry, EH Shepard (of Winnie the Pooh fame) and David Hockney. It will be accompanied by a display of historic tennis equipment, photographs and memorabilia.

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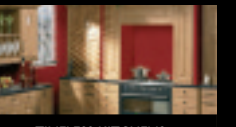
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Revamp on the trams

A £500,000 investment will see upgrades to CCTV, public address systems and customer help-points on the Midland Metro.

Announcements should be clearer with an improved public address system as well as there being new help point services on trams and in stations.

The Metro is also investing in a new CCTV control system that will allow security staff to manoeuvre cameras from a control room.

Midland Metro manager Fred Roberts told a meeting at Sandwell Council House: "This upgrade is due to be commissioned in early April and will greatly improve the communication systems on the tram system."

The upgrade will be rolled out throughout April so passengers should see very little disruption to services, security and safety on the trams and at stations.

Upgrade

Mr Roberts added this year the company also plans to upgrade the systems which monitor the voltage to high level overhead lines.

In a separate £400,000 programme, Midland Metro will also be carrying out major engineering works between April 17 to 20 which will result in the temporary closure of the line between Wolverhampton St George's and Wednesbury Parkway.

The upgrade will replace the supports to the overhead power lines with new materials that enjoy a lifespan of 20 to 30 years.

Spokesman for travel authority Centro Mark Langford said: "This is a continuation of the upgrade of the overhead electric cable which took place last October. It will also allow other maintenance work to take place avoiding the need for any further disruption."

During the works, passengers who need to travel between Wolverhampton St George's and Wednesbury Parkway can use Midland Metro tickets on the 79 and 126 National Express bus services.

Families protest at Sandwell Council House about the threat to Warstone House

Families battle to save respite care

FAMILIES using a West Bromwich respite care home which is threatened by closure say they will fight to save the facility.

Council-run Warstone House is facing being shut because of high running costs faced by the authority, which needs to save £75 million over the next four years.

Some 31 staff work at the home in Salters Lane, which provides respite care for 70 people with learning difficulties.

Around 20 family and friends gathered outside the council's Freeth Street headquaters yesterday waving banners that read: "Save Warstone House" and "Keep Warstone House Open".

Nobody from the authority came out to meet the group.

Demonstration

User of the home Joan Dearn, of Old Hill, said the demonstration was one of a number planned. Mrs Dearn, whose son Ian is blind and autistic and her daughter Charlean has Down's Syndrome, said: "We're not happy and we're going to fight to the death."

Under the closure plans, families would get personalised budgets to pay for respite care. Families have said the move would prove more costly in the long-term.

Jenny Baggott, 72, uses the home with her daughter Jane, aged 51, who has Down's Syndrome, suffers epilepsy and dementia.

Mrs Baggott said: "Our children go there regularly, it's the only respite care we have."

The council, which is consulting on the closure plans, said it would work with staff to look at redeployment and voluntary redundancy where possible.

New platform at town's new war memorial

LEFTOVER granite slabs that were used to create Wednesbury's new war memorial have been used to build a platform for laying wreaths upon.

The £50,000 memorial, honouring 1,060 heroes who died in the First and Second World Wars was unveiled last year, after years of campaigning.

Names were inscribed on slabs of granite, which have now been installed in the memorial gardens in the town.

John Allen, of the Wednesbury War Memorial Group said: "The stonemason said there was some granite left over.

"It was very expensive so they suggested creating an area, in front of the steps where people can stand to lay wreaths.

"It has now been put in place and it fits in very well with the memorial."

The monument was funded through £15,000 of donations from the public

Sandwell Council then paid the rest of the bill after an application for lottery funding was turned down.

Woman was malnourished

A WOMAN with a drink problem found dead at a her home near Walsall was malnourished, an inquest heard.

Divorced grandmother Janet Irene Humphries, aged 64, of Merrions Close, Great Barr, was found on November 6 last year.

Recording a verdict of natural causes, Black Country Coroner Robin Balmain told the inquest in Walsall the cause of death was sepsis, broncho pneumonia and malnutrition.

TV's Suzi to join Black Country charity walkers

MORE than 430 people have signed up to a new fundraising walk in the Black Country to raise thousands of pounds for poorly children.

The 10-mile Walk of the Black Country is taking place on June 19, starting at Himley Hall in Dudley and finishing at Wolverhampton Racecourse in Dunstall

Wolverhampton-based Beacon Radio has teamed up with Wolverhampton University to launch the walk to raise funds for Promise Dreams, which grants wishes for poorly children.

Beacon spokeswoman Kate Fuller said today: "We've now got 430 people signed up which is fantastic."

Wolverhampton-born TV presenter Suzi Perry, a patron of the charity, has also signed up for the walk.

She said: "I can't wait to take part in the walk.

Friends

"I've got lots friends to take part too and my family are coming over from France to do it.

"There's going to be some great camaraderie walking from Himley to the racecourse."

To enter Walk of the Black Country see website www.beaconradio.co.uk.

Pub makes way for homes

A SMETHWICK pub and its bowling green have been demolished to make way for family homes.

Wood Green Homes stepped in to buy the Londonderry Pub within months of the building being boarded up last August.

Developers have now bulldozed the Queens Road pub ahead of turning the site into a residential scheme.

Thomas Willetts, a retired toolfitter, said: "It's a shame. All the pubs in this area are going."

Smethwick ward Councillor Victor Sylvester added: "The bowling green has been there since before the war and now it's a demolition site. It's sad to lose another facility."

Bal Singh, spokesman for Wood Green Homes, said there were no immediate plans for development. He added: "We don't know what we will have on the site yet but it will probably be residential."

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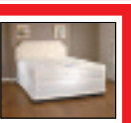
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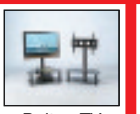
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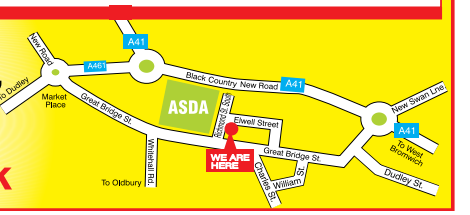

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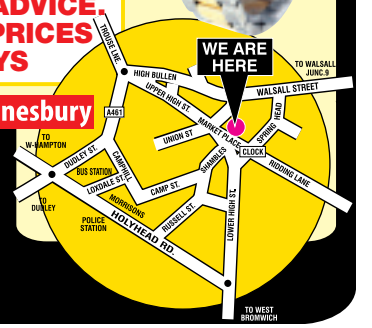

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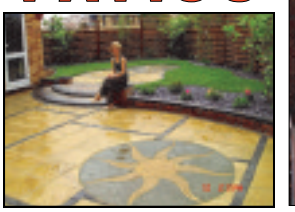

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Rare heart condition family are backing hospital appeal

A MOTHER with three children who have the same rare heart condition is raising money for a charity appeal in aid of Birmingham Children's Hospital.

Natalie Foster was terrified when she learned that her daughter Tara, now aged seven, was born with pulmonary stenosis. She went on to have two more children who were both born with the same rare condition which leaves them breathless, susceptible to illness and means they have to be monitored by heart specialists.

Mrs Foster, of Windmill Crescent, Smethwick, and the children's father, Michael, have to live with knowledge that their children may need heart surgery in the future.

Tara, Lance, aged three, and Roman, aged one, were all diagnosed with the condition. It means their heart valves, that supply blood to the lungs, are narrow and their heart has to work harder as a result.

Natalie Foster with her children Joshua Sheldon, aged 13, Roman Foster aged one, Tara Foster, aged seven, with Lance Foster, aged three, and Brogan Foster, aged eight, at the front

Mrs Foster, who has two other older children said: "We learnt Tara had the condition not long after birth. It was terrifying. It was diagnosed when the doctors discovered she had a heart murmur.

"It was very scary because we just didn't know what to expect and how she would cope, particularly as my first two children were absolutely fine.

"When Lance was born with it, it wasn't quite so bad because we knew a bit more what to expect. We were told it was unusual. So everybody was a bit shocked when Roman had it too."

Tara and Roman are currently under the care of Birmingham Children's Hospital whereas Lance's condition is not as severe.

Nervous

Mrs Foster, who works as a care assistant for people with dementia, said Tara attends St Philip's Catholic Primary School and enjoys both playing with friends and her PE lessons but has to slow down if she starts to get out of breath. Roman is starting to use his walker and she is becoming increasingly aware of the symptoms to look out for.

Mrs Foster says she is nervous about looking forward to the future because if the children's hearts are put under to much strain they will have to undergo surgery to widen their arteries.

She said: "The children are closely monitored by the cardiac team at the hospital. Roman had a check up last week and the doctors said his valve looks like it is widening, so that is positive.

"But the thought of them having to go through heart surgery; I just don't like to think about it."

The family are now determined to do all they can to raise money for the cardiac team at Birmingham Children's Hospital.

The Children's Heart Appeal is trying to raise £2 million for the final stage of a £12m project to build a state-of-the-art operating theatre and expand the Intensive Care Unit.

Mr Foster took part in a skydive last year which raised £400 and they have also organised three charity nights. Altogether they have raised £1,854.

She added: "Without the continuing care of the cardiac team at Birmingham's Children's Hospital, my children would be leading very different lives."

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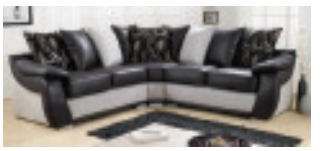

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Young gymnastics taking part in the academy festival

Youngsters in fundraiser

A FESTIVAL of movement and music is taking place at a Sandwell high school to raise funds for sports activities.

The Ormiston Sandwell Community Academy, Gym and Dance Festival for primary schools was being held last night (Wednesday) and tonight with the secondary school event on April 6 and 7. The audience can look forward to fast and exciting gym and dance routines performed by pupils from primary and secondary schools. Both evenings will show how the academy works with nearby schools.

The primary schools involved include Burnt Tree Primary, Christ Church Primary, Grace Mary Primary, Oakham Primary, Rounds Green Primary and Tividale Hall Primary.

Hospital chiefs are seeking to gain control over budget

THE hospital trust which cares for thousands of people in Sandwell is reviving its bid for foundation status to gain more control over its own budget.

Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust put together an application for foundation status in 2008 but withdrew it after taking into consideration financial pressures and health reviews at the time. But spokeswoman Jessamy Kinghorn said the trust had now decided on renewing the application. She said bosses were hopeful it would be authorised by the end of 2012.

If it is secured, it will change the way the hospitals within the trust are run. The trust believes that as well as giving patients, staff and residents the chance to have their say, it would allow hospitals to tailor services to best meet local needs. It will also give hospitals the chance to have more say on how their cash is spent.

Governors

The foundation trust would be run by both staff and public governors to represent the patients.

The plan comes as the trust was waiting to hear if it will receive the go-ahead for a £370m super hospital in Smethwick.

The hospital, which will be called the Midland Metropolitan Hospital, would replace Sandwell and City hospitals.

Mrs Kinghorn said: "The application has been made based on a business plan which focuses on the 'right care right here' strategy. The plan has two main focuses, that the community based infrastructure is right and that we get the go ahead for the building of the new hospital

"Every trust will have to do it at some point but we have decided now is the right time to renew the application."

The trust is to take on Sandwell community health care from tomorrow, Friday. Mrs Kinghorn explained the trust will be taking over control of adult and children's social care from Sandwell Primary Care Trust.

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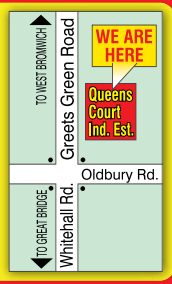

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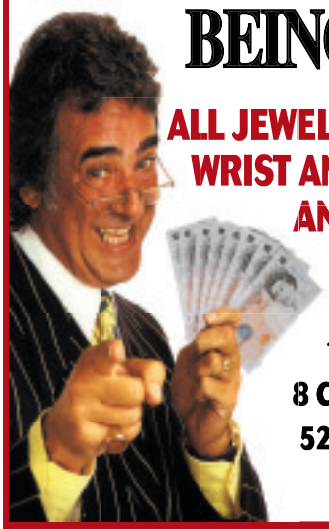

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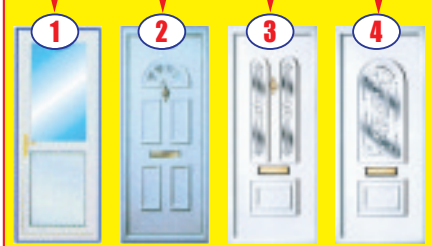

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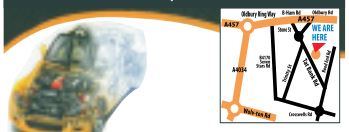

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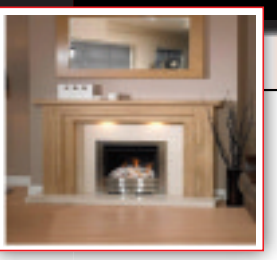

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Expect fireworks . . .

My songs reveal the real me – Katy

THE popularity of Katy Perry continues its stratospheric rise.

The pop superstar brings her California Dreams tour to Birmingham's LG Arena on Monday for one of seven UK dates.

She has now had three UK Top Ten hits to her name within 12 months in the shape of her smashes California Gurls, Teenage Dream and Firework.

Combined sales of the three singles are close to 1.4 million in the UK alone.

While her new album Teenage Dream has shot past Platinum status. Katy's success has led her to become one of the most talked-about new artists of the past two years.

Since exploding onto the scene in 2008 she has sold out her own 50-city world headlining tour.

She has also hosted and performed – twice – at the MTVs European Music Awards where she also won Best New Act in 2008.

As well as several Grammy nominations, Katy won a Brit Award in 2009 for Best International Female.

Since the 2008 release of One of the Boys, the American singer and songwriter has taken a jet-fueled rocket pack to the top, wowing fans with her often whimsical, irresistible pop songs.

Glare

Katy topped charts in more than 25 countries with I Kissed a Girl, Hot N Cold, Thinking Of You and Waking Up in Vegas, and has sold more than 22 million digital tracks worldwide.

The latest single off the album is ET featuring superstar rapper Kanye West.

Married to controversial Britsh comedian and movie star Russell Brand, they have become the hottest celebrity couple.

As much as her life seems to play itself out in the media glare, she says the fans can hear the real Katy is in every note and word of her music.

"If you ever want an answer about how I felt about something or what I was going through or what I believe or my convictions or my love," she says.

"You just have to listen to the lyrics."

Katy Perry – brings her tour to Birmingham's LG Arena

Peter's sell-out phenomenon

AFTER selling out 20 record-breaking nights at the Manchester Arena (beating that of Take That) and with a phenomenal demand for tickets, some sold on internet sites for more than £500, Peter Kay was left with no choice but to tour.

And so The Tour That Doesn't Tour Tour finally reaches the NIA with Peter Kay in action on five consecutive nights at Birmingham NIA from next Thursday.

When tickets went on sale more than 400,000 seats had been sold in three hours. Kay is now officially the biggest and fastest selling live comedy act of all time and will play to 60,000 at the NIA.

Seve Walton, of Birmingham NIA, speaking 18 months ago, said: "The demand for Peter Kay tickets has been nothing but remarkable.

Amazing

"We witnessed unprecedented demand for tickets with over three times as many visitors to our website within the first five minutes of going on sale compared with any previous shows."

The Bolton funnyman quipped: "I couldn't comprehend the demand in Manchester but this is amazing, I'm completely overwhelmed.

"I'm going to give people a crackin' night, mind you saying that I better get my head down and write some jokes."

Kay featured on Comic Relief night with the premier of his music video of the classic I Know Him So Well and featuring him as his alter ego Geraldine McQueen in a duet with Susan Boyle.

Peter Kay – will play to 60,000

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BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **11.45** Football Focus. **12.30** Match of the Day Live. Leeds United v Nottingham Forest (Kick-off 12.45pm). **2.55** Film: Galaxy Quest. (1999) Sci-fi comedy, starring Tim Allen. **4.30** Final Score. **5.15** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **5.30** All New Total Wipeout: The Awards.

6.30 **So You Think You Can Dance.** The last round of auditions takes place, but judges Louise Redknapp and Sisco Gomez argue over a dancer's distinctive look.
7.30 **The National Lottery: Secret Fortune.** A man and his mother-in-law take part in the high-tension quiz show presented by Nick Knowles in which contestants have the opportunity to win £100,000.
8.25 **Casualty.** Ruth realises she can still be a doctor – despite her bipolar diagnosis – after learning former mentor Sarah Evans has OCD, while Dylan Keogh is threatened with a lawsuit.
9.15 **Live at the Apollo.** Stand-up comedy from the Hammersmith Apollo. (R)
10.00 **BBC News; Weather.**
10.20 **Match of the Day.** Including West Ham United v Manchester United; National Lottery Update.
11.45 **The Football League Show.** Highlights of today's games; Weatherview.

1.10 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **12.00** Coast. (R) **12.15** Diagnosis Murder. (R) **1.00** Film: The Prince and the Showgirl. (1957) Romantic comedy, with Laurence Olivier and Marilyn Monroe. **2.55** Priceless Antiques Roadshow. (R) **3.25** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.25** Flog It! (R) **4.55** Film: Carry On Again, Doctor. (1969) Comedy, starring Sid James.

6.20 **Dad's Army.** A bomb lands on the bank. (R)
6.50 **Welsh Greats.**
7.20 **The Last Goon Show of All.** Comedy, with Peter Sellers, Harry Secombe and Spike Milligan. (R)
8.00 **Edward VII: Prince of Pleasure.** Documentary drawing on research to unravel the mystery of a monarch who has been described as a sex addict, an astute political operator and a boorish philistine. (R)
9.00 **Goldie's Band: By Royal Appointment.** The 12 chosen youngsters develop their performance and composing skills by taking part in intensive masterclasses and workshops with music industry experts.
10.00 **The Tudors.** Henry is troubled by visions. Last in the series.
10.55 **Nurse Jackie.** Mrs Akalitus offers Eddie his job back.
11.25 **ICC Cricket World Cup Highlights.** The final at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai, India.

12.25 Frank Skinner's Opinionated. (R) **12.55** Film: The Rainbow. (1988) Period drama, starring Sammi Davis and Paul McGann. **2.40** Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **9.25** Coronation Street. **11.45** This Morning: Saturday. **12.45** Monk. **1.40** ITV News; Weather. **1.45** You've Been Framed! (R) **2.15** Film: Like Mike. (2002) Children's fantasy adventure, starring Bow Wow. **4.05** Film: Crocodile Dundee in Los Angeles. (2001) Comedy adventure sequel, starring Paul Hogan. **5.45** Regional Programmes. **5.55** ITV News; Weather.

6.10 **New You've Been Framed!**
6.40 **Harry Hill's TV Burp Compilation.**
7.10 **Ant & Dec's Push the Button.** Last week's winning family returns to take on a new set of challengers, with the teams hoping to hold on to as much of their allocated £100,000 as possible. Last in the series.
8.25 **Live Celebrity Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?: Mother's Day Special.** Chris Tarrant hosts as David Walliams and his mother Kathleen take part in a special charity edition with Olly Murs and his mum Vicky, and Patsy Palmer and her son Charley.
9.40 **FILM: Wanted.** (2008) Premiere. A man joins a secret society of assassins that kills people destined to commit acts of evil. Action adventure, starring James McAvoy, Angelina Jolie.
11.45 **ITV News; Weather.**

12.00 The Zone. ITV News Headlines. **2.05** Swingtown. (R) **2.55** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.10 Sali Mali. (R) **6.15** The Hoobs. (R) **6.40** The Hoobs. (R) **7.05** FIM Superbike World Championship. (R) **7.30** The Grid. **8.00** The Morning Line. **9.00** T4: Friends. (R) **9.30** T4: Rio: T4 Movie Special. **10.00** T4: Friends. (R) **10.30** T4: Glee. **11.25** T4: Great British Hairdresser. **12.30** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.55** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.25** That Paralympic Show. **1.55** Channel 4 Racing. **3.55** The Secret Supper Club. **4.25** Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) **4.55** Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) **5.25** Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R)

6.00 **Come Dine with Me Extra Portions.** Farmer's son John Beachell hosts the final dinner party in East Yorkshire. (R)
6.30 **Channel 4 News.**
6.55 **4thought.tv.** The role God might play in natural disasters.
7.00 **River Cottage Every Day.** Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall rejuvenates the working-week lunch. (R)
8.00 **Seven Ages of Britain.** The fifth age of Britain, beginning in 1066. (R)
9.00 **FILM: The Transporter 2.** (2005) Action thriller sequel, starring Jason Statham.
10.35 **Stand Up for the Week.** Satirical comedy show, hosted by Kevin Bridges.
11.25 **FILM: Nine to Five.** (1980) Comedy, starring Dolly Parton and Jane Fonda.

1.30 Sex in the 80s: Pop Sex. (R) **2.25** Privileged. (R) **3.50** Ugly Betty. (R) **4.35** Wogan's Perfect Recall. (R) **5.00** Countdown. (R) **5.45** Yo Gabba Gabba! (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Meals in Moments. **10.10** Fifth Gear. (R) **10.40** The Gadget Show. (R) **11.40** Megastructures: Extreme Bridge Demolition. (R) **12.45** Film: Up Periscope. (1959) Adventure, with James Garner. **2.55** Film: The Sea Chase. (1955) Adventure, starring John Wayne. **5.05** Film: Anzio. (1968) Drama, starring Robert Mitchum.

7.20 **5 News Weekend.**
7.25 **NCIS.** A blind man unwittingly photographs evidence of a murder, leading Jethro and the team to the corpse of a petty officer who was stabbed with a knife left at the scene. (R)
8.20 **CSI: Grissom's Greatest.** William Petersen highlights some of Gil Grissom's most heroic moments, beginning as the team struggles to piece together events leading to the murder of a showgirl. (R)
9.15 **CSI: NY.** The investigators find three bodies when they arrive at the scene of an accident involving a truck full of revellers. Drama, starring Gary Sinise.
10.15 **CSI: Miami.** The mother of Horatio's son Kyle is involved in a murder. (R)
11.15 **CSI: Crime Scene Investigation.** Two bodies are found buried under tar at a building site. (R)

12.15 SuperCasino. **4.00** The FBI Files. (R) **4.50** Meals in Moments. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

Digital

ITV2
3.50 American Idol **6.45** Film: Back to the Future (1985) Sci-fi comedy adventure, starring Michael J Fox. **9.00** Film: Magicians (2007) A conjuring double act who became bitter rivals are forced to bury the hatchet to compete in an international competition. Comedy, starring David Mitchell. **10.55** Celebrity Juice **11.40** Film: Daylight (1996)

ITV3
3.50 Foyle's War **6.00** Inspector Morse **8.00** Rosemary & Thyme **9.00** Midsomer Murders **11.05** Murder in Suburbia

ITV4
1.55 Film: The Big Country (1958) **5.15** Film: Dunkirk (1958) **8.00** Jean-Claude Van Damme: Behind Closed Doors **9.00** Ultimate Force **10.30** Film: First Blood (1982) A Vietnam veteran escapes unjust imprisonment and flees into the wilderness, where he fights the law on his own terms. Action thriller, with Sylvester Stallone.

BBC THREE
7.00 Top Gear **8.00** Pop's Greatest Dance Crazes **10.00** Russell Howard's Good News Extra **10.45** Family Guy **11.30** American Dad!

BBC FOUR
7.00 Nature's Great Events **8.00** Al Murray's German Adventure **9.00** Spiral **10.50** Twenty Twelve **11.20** Women in Love

E4
1.25 Hollyoaks **4.00** Make It or Break It **4.55** Friends **6.00** Glee **7.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.55** Friends **9.00** Rude Tube **10.00** Film: Predator 2 (1990) A tough cop investigating a series of gruesome murders discovers it is the work of an alien that kills for sport. Sci-fi thriller sequel, starring Danny Glover and Bill Paxton.

FILM4
2.55 Baby's Day Out (1994) **4.50** Batman (1966) **6.55** The Eagle Special **7.05** Turner & Hooch (1989) **9.00** PS I Love You (2007) **11.25** A History of Violence (2005)

Sunday TV

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Choice

THE CUBE
ITV1, 7pm

Phillip Schofield is easily the most likeable man on telly. If he's not bringing us the news and celebrity gossip of a morning, he's consoling the latest contestant to be beaten by the large glass cube. Tonight he returns to our screens to present another set of challenges in the now-famous Perspex box to eager contestants, as they battle to win a cool £250,000. In this first instalment, firefighter Hayley and binman Paul are among the first to run the gauntlet. Like the rest of us, they might be quietly confident that they can surpass the speed, agility, balance and memory tasks, but they can count on having a re-think once under the actual spotlight.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.30** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Country Tracks. **12.00** The Politics Show. **1.05** EastEnders. **3.00** Bargain Hunt. **3.30** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.30** Points of View. **4.45** Songs of Praise. **5.30** BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

6.00 Regional Programme.
6.30 The Boat That Guy Built. (R)
7.00 Countryfile. A visit to the Yorkshire Wolds, where Julia Bradbury watches one of England's oldest horse races and Matt Baker witnesses seabirds arrive for the start of the breeding season. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.
8.00 Antiques Roadshow. The experts return to the British Museum, where items brought in by members of the public include photos of a young Elvis Presley and a pot that is not as ancient as it seems.
9.00 Waking the Dead. Part one of two. The team investigates the death of a terror suspect.
10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
10.25 Imagine: The Trouble with Tolstoy. Conclusion. Alan Yentob retraces the author's troubled later years.
11.25 FILM: The Last Station. (2009) Premiere. Period drama, starring James McAvoy.

1.10 The Sky at Night; Weatherview. **1.35** Sign Zone: MasterChef. (R) **2.35** Holby City. (R) **3.35** Men of Rock. (R) **4.35** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **10.00** Something for the Weekend. **11.30** MasterChef. (R) **12.30** Live MotoGP. The Spanish Grand Prix (Start-time 1.00pm). **2.05** Film: Viva Knievel! (1977) Motorcycling adventure, starring Evel Knievel. **3.45** Film: The Gumball Rally. (1976) Car-race comedy, starring Michael Sarrazin. **5.30** The Truth About Lions. (R)

6.30 Jackie Stewart: The Flying Scot. Portrait of the former racing driver, winner of three Formula One World Championships, chronicling his early career and subsequent role as an internationally respected businessman. Previously shown on BBC4.
8.00 Top Gear. Jeremy Clarkson and Richard Hammond debate which company has made the greatest number of exceptional cars, and Radio 2 DJ Chris Evans is the Star in a Reasonably Priced Car. (R)
9.00 Louis Theroux: America's Most Hated Family in Crisis. The reporter pays a return visit to the Westboro Baptist Church.
10.00 Match of the Day 2. Manchester City v Sunderland and Fulham v Blackpool.
11.00 Football League Trophy Final. Brentford v Carlisle.
11.40 FILM: Awaydays. (2009) Premiere. Drama, with Stephen Graham.

1.20 BBC News. **4.35** The Super League Show. **5.05** Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **9.25** May the Best House Win. (R) **10.25** House Gift. (R) **11.30** This Morning: Sunday. **12.30** Dinner Date. (R) **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.35** Film: Columbo: Old Fashioned Murder. (1976) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk. **3.05** Torvill and Dean's Dancing on Ice Tour 2010. (R) **4.05** Midsomer Murders. (R)

6.10 Harry Hill's TV Burp Compilation. Classics skits and quips from past series. (R)
6.35 Regional Programmes.
6.45 ITV News; Weather.
7.00 The Cube. New series. A firefighter and a dustman take part in the game show, completing tasks within the confines of a large cube in a bid to win £250,000. Phillip Schofield hosts.
8.00 Lewis. New series. A college reunion takes a tragic turn when a guest is found murdered, and Lewis calls in a former colleague to help investigate a possible link to a 10-year-old case.
10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather.
10.15 FILM: The Bucket List. (2008) Two terminally ill men plan to enjoy the time they have left by working through a list of things they have always wanted to do. Comedy, starring Jack Nicholson and Morgan Freeman.

12.05 Premiership Rugby Union. **12.50** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.00** Film: DOA: Dead or Alive. (2006) Adventure, with Jaime Pressly. **3.25** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** Morning News.

Channel 4

6.10 The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** Freesports on 4. **7.30** Crunchtime. **7.55** T4: The Crush. **8.25** T4: Friends. (R) **8.55** T4: Friends. (R) **9.25** T4: Hollyoaks. **11.55** T4: Glee. (R) **12.55** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **1.30** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **1.55** Four in a Bed. (R) **2.30** Four in a Bed. (R) **2.55** Four in a Bed. (R) **3.30** Four in a Bed. (R) **3.55** Four in a Bed. (R) **4.25** Deal or No Deal. **5.30** Time Team.

6.30 Channel 4 News.
6.55 4thought.tv. The role of God in natural disasters.
7.00 Come Dine with Me. A woman with a penchant for risque conversation takes on a landlady, a fitness fanatic and a member of a Take That tribute band as the dinner party challenge heads to Worcester.
8.00 Civilization: Is the West History? Niall Ferguson examines the roots of modern consumerism, and asks whether the global dominance of the West's big brands and major corporations could be coming to an end.
9.00 Country House Rescue. A stately home that has been in its owner's family since the 11th century.
10.00 FILM: The Magdalene Sisters. (2002) Drama, starring Geraldine McEwan.

12.15 Film: Lost in Translation. (2003) Comedy drama, starring Bill Murray. **2.05** Amelia and Michael. (R) **2.15** Never Did Me Any Harm. (R) **3.15** The Play's the Thing. (R) **4.10** Without a Trace. (R) **4.55** Wogan's Perfect Recall. (R) **5.20** Countdown. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** Fireman Sam. (R) **6.40** Miss Spider's Sunny Patch Friends. (R) **6.50** The Beeps. (R) **7.00** Mio Mao. (R) **7.10** Chiro. (R) **7.15** Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) **7.30** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.40** Igam Ogam. (R) **7.50** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.10** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.20** Hana's Helpline. (R) **8.30** Family! (R) **8.40** Milkshake Monkey. (R) **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Olivia. (R) **9.15** The Mr Men Show. (R) **9.30** Gerald McBoing Boing. (R) **10.00** Nigel Marven's Rhino Adventure. (R) **11.05** Andre Rieu in New York. **12.05** Ice Road Truckers. (R) **1.05** Emergency Bikers. (R) **2.05** Film: Prince Charming. (2001) Fairy-tale fantasy, starring Sean Maguire. **3.50** Film: 13 Going on 30. (2004) Romantic comedy, starring Jennifer Garner and Mark Ruffalo. **5.45** 5 News Weekend. **5.50** Film: High School Musical 3: Senior Year. (2008) Premiere. Teen musical sequel, starring Zac Efron and Vanessa Hudgens.

8.10 FILM: Just Married. (2003) Romantic comedy, with Brittany Murphy, Ashton Kutcher, Christian Kane and David Moscow.
10.00 FILM: Two Weeks Notice. (2002) Romantic comedy, starring Sandra Bullock and Hugh Grant.

12.00 The Simon Cowell Factor. (R) **1.00** SuperCasino. **4.00** The FBI Files. (R) **4.50** Meals in Moments. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

Digital

ITV2
4.20 The Only Way Is Essex **5.50** Film: Back to the Future Part II (1989) **8.00** Kerry Katona – The Next Chapter **9.00** Benidorm **10.00** The Only Way Is Essex **10.45** Film: Batman (1989) Comic-book adventure, with Michael Keaton and Jack Nicholson.

ITV3
3.45 Pollyanna **5.45** Film: Forever Young (1992) **7.50** An Audience with Michael Buble **9.00** Film: City of Angels (1998) Romantic fantasy, starring Nicolas Cage, Meg Ryan and Dennis Franz. **11.15** Jane Eyre

ITV4
11.00 British Touring Car Championship. The opening round of the season at the Brands Hatch Circuit. **6.00** Film: Brewster's Millions (1985) **8.00** Premiership Rugby Union **9.00** Film: Nighthawks (1981) Action adventure, starring Sylvester Stallone. **11.00** Jean-Claude Van Damme: Behind Closed Doors

BBC THREE
7.00 The World's Strictest Parents **8.00** Junior Doctors: Your Life in Their Hands **9.00** Police Academy UK **10.00** Family Guy **10.45** American Dad! **11.30** White Van Man

BBC FOUR
7.00 Come Clog Dancing – Treasures of English Folk Dance **8.00** The Eiger: Wall of Death **9.00** Re-Trial by TV: The Rise and Fall of Rough Justice **10.00** The Highest Court in the Land: Justice Makers **11.00** Eyewitness

E4
3.05 Make It or Break It **4.05** Film: Big Momma's House 2 (2006) **6.00** Friends **7.30** 90210 **8.25** Friends **10.00** Film: The Hole (2001)

FILM4
3.10 Genevieve (1953) **4.50** Just My Luck (2006) **6.50** 4Films For **6.55** The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen (2003) **9.00** The Sum of All Fears (2002) Thriller, starring Ben Affleck. **11.20** The Breed (2006)

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Monday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **9.15** Neighbourhood Blues. **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer; (R) BBC News; Weather. **11.00** Britain's Empty Homes. **11.30** Cash in the Attic; (R) BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.30** Regional News; Weather. **1.45** Doctors. **2.15** Justice. **3.00** BBC News; Weather; Regional News. **3.05** CBBC. **5.15** Weakest Link. **6.00** BBC News; Weather. **6.30** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **7.00** The One Show. **7.30** Bang Goes the Theory; BBC News; Regional News. **8.00** EastEnders. **8.30** Finished at Fifty? – Panorama. **9.00** Waking the Dead. **10.00** BBC News. **10.25** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** A Question of Sport. **11.05** Late Kick Off. **11.35** Film: The Big Easy. (1987) Romantic crime thriller, starring Dennis Quaid and Ellen Barkin; Weatherview. **1.20** Sign Zone: MasterChef. (R) **2.20** Silk. (R) **3.20** Arctic with Bruce Parry. (R) **4.20** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.30** CBeebies. **11.35** Meerkat Manor. (R) **12.00** Daily Politics. **12.30** GMT with George Alagiah. **1.00** Diagnosis Murder. (R) **1.45** To Buy or Not to Buy. **2.30** Real Rescues. (R) **3.00** Cash in the Celebrity Attic. (R) **3.45** Flog It! (R) **4.30** Pointless. **5.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **6.00** Eggheads. **6.30** Great British Menu. **7.00** The Great Rift: Africa's Wild Heart. (R) **8.00** University Challenge. **8.30** Lambing Live. **10.00** Never Mind the Buzzcocks. (R) **10.30** Newsnight; Weather. **11.20** Louis Theroux: America's Most Hated Family in Crisis. (R) **12.20** An Island Parish. (R) **12.50** BBC News. **4.00** BBC Learning Zone.

ITV1 **6.00** Daybreak. **8.30** Lorraine. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. **10.30** This Morning. **12.30** Loose Women. **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.55** Regional News; Weather. **2.00** 60 Minute Makeover. **3.00** The Alan Titchmarsh Show. **3.59** Regional Weather. **4.00** Midsomer Murders. (R) **5.00** Britain's Best Dish. **6.00** Regional News; Weather. **6.30** ITV News; Weather. **7.00** Emmerdale. **7.30** Coronation Street. **8.00** The Dales. **8.30** Coronation Street. **9.00** Law & Order: UK. **10.00** ITV News at Ten; Weather. **10.30** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** Real Crime: A Shot in the Dark. (R) **11.35** River Monsters. (R) **12.30** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.35** UEFA Champions League Weekly. **3.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **3.55** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 **6.05** Sali Mali. (R) **6.10** Max Bear. **6.25** The Hoobs. (R) **6.50** The Hoobs. (R) **7.15** Freshly Squeezed. **7.40** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.05** Frasier. (R) **8.35** Friends. (R) **9.10** Supernanny USA. **10.00** Brothers & Sisters. **10.55** Relocation, Relocation. (R) **12.00** Channel 4 News Summary. **12.05** River Cottage Bites. **12.10** Jamie at Home. (R) **12.35** Film: Sea Wife. (1957) Second World War romantic adventure, starring Richard Burton and Joan Collins. **2.10** Cookery School. **3.10** Countdown. **4.00** Deal or No Deal. **5.00** Fern. **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.55** 4thought.tv. **8.00** Dispatches: Cashing in on Degrees. **9.00** One Born Every Minute. (R) **10.00** Heston's 70s Feast. (R) **11.05** The Event. **12.05** Music on 4: The Album Chart Show Introduces – Katy B. **12.20** Music on 4: 4Play: Gypsy and the Cat. **12.40** European Poker Tour. **1.35** Rome Wasn't Built in a Day. (R) **2.30** Royal Deaths and Diseases. (R) **3.25** Codex. (R) **4.20** The Bible: A History. (R) **5.15** Ugly Betty. (R)

Channel 5 **6.00** Milkshake! **9.15** The Wright Stuff. **11.05** The Blasters. (R) **12.05** The Family Recipe. (R) **12.10** 5 News Lunchtime. **12.20** House. (R) **1.15** Home and Away. **1.45** Neighbours. **2.15** The Vanessa Show. **3.05** Chinese Food in Minutes. **3.15** Film: Recipe for Revenge. (1998) Crime drama, starring Corbin Bernsen. **5.00** 5 News at 5; Weather. **5.30** Neighbours. (R) **6.00** Home and Away. (R) **6.25** OK! TV. **7.00** 5 News at 7. **7.30** How Do They Do It?; 5 News Update. **8.00** The Gadget Show; 5 News at 9. **9.00** Film: Executive Decision. (1996) Action thriller, starring Kurt Russell. **11.45** Film: Undisputed. (2002) Boxing drama, starring Ving Rhames. **1.30** SuperCasino. **4.05** The FBI Files. (R) **4.55** Animal Rescue Squad. (R) **5.10** Wildlife SOS. (R) **5.35** House Doctor. (R)

Tuesday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **9.15** Neighbourhood Blues. Police in Kent attend a stake-out. **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer; (R) BBC News; Weather. **11.00** Britain's Empty Homes. **11.30** Cash in the Attic; (R) BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.30** Regional News; Weather. **1.45** Doctors. **2.15** Justice. **3.00** BBC News; Weather; Regional News. **3.05** CBBC. **5.15** Weakest Link. **6.00** BBC News; Weather. **6.30** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **6.55** Party Political Broadcast. (R) **7.00** The One Show. **7.30** EastEnders; BBC News; Regional News. **8.00** Holby City. **9.00** Candy Cabs. **10.00** BBC News. **10.25** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** See You in Court. **11.25** The World's Worst Place to Be Gay?; Weatherview. **12.30** Sign Zone: Michel Roux's Service. (R) **1.30** Bang Goes the Winter Weather Special. (R) **2.30** Who Does What? (R) **3.30** Life in a Cottage Garden with Carol Klein. (R) **4.00** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.30** CBeebies. **11.35** Meerkat Manor. (R) **12.00** Daily Politics. **12.30** GMT with George Alagiah. **12.55** Diagnosis Murder. (R) **1.40** To Buy or Not to Buy. **2.25** Real Rescues. (R) **2.55** Cash in the Celebrity Attic. (R) **3.40** Flog It! (R) **4.25** Pointless. **5.10** Escape to the Country. (R) **5.55** Party Political Broadcast. **6.00** Eggheads. **6.30** Great British Menu. **7.00** The Great Rift: Africa's Wild Heart. (R) **8.00** Lambing Live. **9.00** Filthy Cities. **10.00** Later Live – with Jools Holland. **10.30** Newsnight; Weather. **11.20** Film: Perfume: The Story of a Murderer. (2006) Period thriller, starring Ben Whishaw and Alan Rickman. **1.35** BBC News. **4.00** BBC Learning Zone.

ITV1 **6.00** Daybreak. **8.30** Lorraine. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. **10.30** This Morning. **12.30** Loose Women. **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.55** Regional News; Weather. **2.00** 60 Minute Makeover. **3.00** The Alan Titchmarsh Show. **3.59** Regional Weather. **4.00** Midsomer Murders. (R) **5.00** Britain's Best Dish. **6.00** Regional News; Weather. **6.25** Party Election Broadcast. **6.30** ITV News; Weather. **7.00** Emmerdale. **7.30** Grimefighters. **8.00** Countrywise. **9.00** Smugglers. **10.00** ITV News at Ten; Weather. **10.30** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** Film: The Matrix. (1999) Sci-fi action thriller, starring Keanu Reeves. **1.00** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **3.05** Crossing Jordan. **3.50** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 **6.00** The Treacle People. (R) **6.10** Max Bear. **6.25** The Hoobs. (R) **6.50** The Hoobs. (R) **7.15** Freshly Squeezed. **7.40** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.05** Frasier. (R) **8.40** Friends. (R) **9.10** Supernanny USA. **10.00** Brothers & Sisters. **10.55** A Place in the Sun: Home or Away. (R) **12.00** Channel 4 News Summary. **12.05** Film: The Quiller Memorandum. (1966) Spy thriller, starring George Segal. **2.05** Cookery School. **3.10** Countdown. **4.00** Deal or No Deal. Game show, with Noel Edmonds. **5.00** Fern. **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.55** 4thought.tv. **8.00** Supersize vs Superskinny. **9.00** Katie: My Beautiful Friends. **10.00** Campus. **11.10** Pete Versus Life. (R) **11.45** School of Comedy. **12.15** UK & Ireland Poker Tour. **1.15** Freesports on 4. (R) **1.40** The Grid. (R) **2.05** KOTV Boxing Weekly. **2.30** Sailing. (R) **2.55** ITU Triathlon World Cup Magazine. (R) **3.50** Beach Volleyball. (R) **4.45** Crunchtime. (R) **5.10** Full Metal Challenge. (R)

Channel 5 **6.00** Milkshake! **9.15** The Wright Stuff. **11.05** The Blasters. (R) **12.05** Meals in Moments. (R) **12.10** 5 News Lunchtime. **12.20** House. (R) **1.15** Home and Away. **1.45** Neighbours. **2.15** The Vanessa Show. **3.05** Chinese Food in Minutes. **3.15** Film: NYC: Tornado Terror. (2008) Disaster thriller, starring Nicole de Boer, Colby Johannson and Jerry Wasserman. **5.00** 5 News at 5; Weather. **5.30** Neighbours. (R) **6.00** Home and Away. (R) **6.25** OK! TV. **7.00** 5 News at 7. **7.30** Extraordinary Dogs; 5 News Update. **8.00** Tsunami: British Search & Rescue; 5 News at 9. **9.00** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. One of Grissom's former lovers is suspected of murder. **10.00** CSI: Miami. (R) **10.55** CSI: NY. (R) **11.55** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. (R) **12.55** SuperCasino. **4.05** The FBI Files. (R) **4.55** Rough Guide to Beaches. (R) **5.10** Wildlife SOS. (R) **5.35** House Doctor. (R)

Wednesday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **9.15** Neighbourhood Blues. **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer; (R) BBC News; Weather. **11.00** Britain's Empty Homes. **11.30** Cash in the Attic; (R) BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.30** Regional News; Weather. **1.45** Doctors. **2.15** Justice. **3.00** BBC News; Weather; Regional News. **3.05** CBBC. **5.15** Weakest Link. (R) **6.00** BBC News; Weather. **6.30** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **6.55** Party Election Broadcast. (R) **7.00** The One Show. **7.30** The Boat That Guy Built; BBC News; Regional News. **8.00** Waterloo Road. **9.00** MasterChef. **10.00** BBC News. **10.25** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** The National Lottery Wednesday Night Draws. **10.45** Would I Lie to You? (R) **11.15** Film: Just Friends. (2005) Romantic comedy, starring Ryan Reynolds and Amy Smart; National Lottery Update; Weatherview. **12.45** Sign Zone: See Hear. (R) **1.15** Country Tracks. (R) **2.15** Natural World. (R) **3.15** Baking Made Easy. (R) **3.45** Great British Railway Journeys. (R) **4.15** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.30** CBeebies. **11.35** Meerkat Manor. (R) **12.00** Daily Politics. **1.00** See Hear. **1.30** Coast. (R) **1.40** To Buy or Not to Buy. **2.25** Real Rescues. (R) **2.55** Cash in the Celebrity Attic. (R) **3.40** Flog It! (R) **4.25** Pointless. **5.10** Escape to the Country. **5.55** Party Election Broadcast. **6.00** Eggheads. **6.30** Great British Menu. **7.00** The Great Rift: Africa's Wild Heart. (R) **8.00** Lambing Live. **9.00** The Crimson Petal and the White. **10.00** Have I Got Old News for You. (R) **10.30** Newsnight; Weather. **11.20** Golf: The Masters. **12.20** BBC News. **4.00** BBC Learning Zone.

ITV1 **6.00** Daybreak. **8.30** Lorraine. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. **10.30** This Morning. **12.30** Loose Women. **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.55** Regional News; Weather. **2.00** 60 Minute Makeover. **3.00** The Alan Titchmarsh Show. **3.59** Regional Weather. **4.00** Midsomer Murders. (R) **5.00** Britain's Best Dish. **6.00** Regional News; Weather. **6.25** Party Election Broadcast. **6.30** ITV News; Weather. **7.00** Emmerdale. **7.30** **UEFA Champions League Live. Chelsea v Manchester** United (Kick-off 7.45pm). **10.00** ITV News at Ten; Weather. **10.30** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** UEFA Champions League: Extra Time. **11.35** Smugglers. (R) **12.30** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.35** Spartacus. (R) **4.05** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 **6.10** Max Bear. **6.25** The Hoobs. (R) **6.50** The Hoobs. (R) **7.15** Freshly Squeezed. **7.40** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.05** Frasier. (R) **8.35** Friends. (R) **9.05** Wife Swap USA. (R) **10.00** Brothers & Sisters. **10.55** Country House Rescue. (R) **12.00** Channel 4 News Summary. **12.05** Film: Gallipoli. (1981) **2.10** Cookery School. **3.10** Countdown. **4.00** Deal or No Deal. **5.00** Fern. **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.55** 4thought.tv. **8.00** Vacation, Vacation, Vacation. **8.30** Superscrimpers: Waste Not Want Not. **9.00** Jamie's Dream School. **10.00** The Model Agency. **11.05** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.40** The Big C. **12.15** Music on 4: Abbey Road Debuts. **12.30** Music on 4: The Album Chart Show Spotlight. **12.45** Music on 4: Mercury Prize Sessions. (R) **1.00** Music on 4: Russian Standard Vodka Originals Presents. (R) **1.10** The Frontier House. (R) **2.05** Film: Nausicaa of the Valley of the Wind. (1984) **4.15** Ugly Betty. (R) **5.00** Wogan's Perfect Recall. (R) **5.25** Countdown. (R)

Channel 5 **6.00** Milkshake! **9.15** The Wright Stuff. **11.05** Great Railway Adventures with Dan Cruickshank. (R) **12.05** The Family Recipe. (R) **12.10** 5 News Lunchtime. **12.20** House. (R) **1.15** Home and Away. **1.45** Neighbours. **2.15** The Vanessa Show. **3.05** Chinese Food in Minutes. (R) **3.15** Film: The Hollywood Mom's Mystery. (2004) **5.00** 5 News at 5; Weather. **5.30** Neighbours. (R) **6.00** Home and Away. (R) **6.25** OK! TV. **7.00** 5 News at 7. **7.30** Starlight: For the Children; 5 News Update. **8.00** Emergency Bikers; (R) 5 News at 9. **9.00** NCIS. **10.00** Law & Order: Criminal Intent. (R) **10.55** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. (R) **11.55** Poker: Aussie Millions. **12.55** SuperCasino. **4.05** The FBI Files. (R) **4.55** Rough Guide to Cities. (R) **5.10** Wildlife SOS. (R) **5.35** House Doctor. (R)

Thursday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **9.15** Neighbourhood Blues. **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer; (R) BBC News; Weather. **11.00** Britain's Empty Homes. **11.30** Cash in the Attic; (R) BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.30** Regional News; Weather. **1.45** Doctors. **2.15** Justice. **3.00** BBC News; Weather; Regional News. **3.05** CBBC. **5.15** Weakest Link. (R) **6.00** BBC News; Weather. **6.30** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **6.55** Party Political Broadcast. (R) **7.00** The One Show. **7.30** EastEnders; BBC News; Regional News. **8.00** Watchdog. **9.00** New Tricks. (R) **10.00** BBC News. **10.25** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** Question Time. **11.35** This Week; Holiday Weatherview. **12.25** Sign Zone: Finished at Fifty? – Panorama. (R) **12.55** Countryfile. (R) **1.55** Antiques Roadshow. (R) **2.55** Rip Off Britain. **3.25** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.30** CBeebies. **11.35** Meerkat Manor. (R) **12.00** Daily Politics. **12.30** GMT with George Alagiah. **1.00** Diagnosis Murder. (R) **1.45** Racing from Aintree. The first day of the Grand National meeting. **4.30** Pointless. **5.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **5.55** Party Political Broadcast. **6.00** Eggheads. **6.30** Great British Menu. **7.00** David Attenborough's First Life. (R) **8.00** Lambing Live. **9.00** A History of Celtic Britain. **10.00** Rhod Gilbert's Work Experience. **10.30** Newsnight; Weather. **11.20** Filthy Cities. (R) **12.20** BBC News. **4.00** BBC Learning Zone.

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Channel 4 **6.10** Max Bear. **6.20** The Hoobs. (R) **6.50** The Hoobs. (R) **7.15** Freshly Squeezed. **7.40** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.05** Frasier. (R) **8.35** Friends. (R) **9.05** Wife Swap USA. (R) **10.00** Brothers & Sisters. **10.55** The Restoration Man. (R) **12.00** Channel 4 News Summary. **12.05** River Cottage Bites. (R) **12.15** Film: The Colditz Story. (1954) Second World War drama, starring John Mills. **2.05** Cookery School. **3.10** Countdown. **4.00** Deal or No Deal. **5.00** Fern. **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.55** 4thought.tv. **8.00** Three in a Bed. **9.00** Dad's Having a Baby: A Bodyshock Special. **10.00** 10 O'Clock Live. **11.05** Friday Night Dinner. (R) **11.35** The Ricky Gervais Show. **12.05** Music on 4: 4Play: The Kills. **12.25** Music on 4: On Track. (R) **12.40** Music on 4: The Crush. **1.35** Face of Britain. (R) **2.30** Dispatches: Cashing in on Degrees. (R) **3.20** Unreported World. (R) **3.45** Hill Street Blues. (R) **4.40** Ugly Betty. (R) **5.25** Countdown. (R)

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Friday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **9.15** Neighbourhood Blues. **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer; (R) BBC News; Weather. **11.00** Britain's Empty Homes. **11.30** Cash in the Attic; (R) BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.30** Regional News; Weather. **1.45** Doctors. **2.15** Justice. **3.00** BBC News; Weather; Regional News. **3.05** CBBC. **5.15** Weakest Link. **6.00** BBC News; Weather. **6.30** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **7.00** The One Show. **7.30** Rip Off Britain; BBC News; Regional News. **8.00** EastEnders. **8.30** A Question of Sport. (R) **9.00** Have I Got News for You. **9.30** QI. (R) **10.00** BBC News. **10.25** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** John Bishop: Elvis Has Left the Building. **11.45** The National Lottery Friday Night Draws. **12.00** Film: Donnie Darko. (2001) Fantasy drama, starring Jake Gyllenhaal; Weatherview. **1.50** Sign Zone: Michel Roux's Service. (R) **2.50** The Boat That Guy Built. (R) **3.20** Great British Railway Journeys. (R) **3.50** BBC News.

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Marti shows his dark side

Marti Pellow as Jekyll and, inset, as Hyde with Sabrina Carter as Lucy *Pictures Simon Fowler*

SINGER Marti Pellow reveals his dark side in gothic horror musical Jekyll and Hyde, which starts a six day run at Birmingham Hippodrome on Monday.

The Broadway hit based on the classic novella by Robert Louis Stevenson, will feature the former Wet Wet Wet pop star as the obsessive scientist whose lust for knowledge unleashes a sadistic alter ego onto the streets of Victorian London.

Written by Frank Wildhorn with book and lyrics by Academy Award winning composer Leslie Bricusse, whose other credits include Scrooge and Doctor Dolittle, the show features the hit song This Is The Moment.

Men in frocks, the Trocks, aka Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo, continue their technically accomplished ballet spoofs at the Hippodrome with performances tonight (Thursday), tomorrow and twice on Saturday.

Victoria Wood's Dinnerladies, in new production Second Helpings, are at The Grand, Wolverhampton, to Saturday with Andrew Dunn (Tony) and Sue Devaney (Jane) from the TV sitcom.

Wobbly

Those shameless Aussie ladies Bev Killick and Emma Powell will be exposing their wobbly bits to close scrutiny in Busting Out! at Stourbridge Town Hall on Saturday night. They will be back in the region at Stoke's Victoria Hall on April 12, Worcester's The Swan on April 20 and Oakengates Theatre in Telford on April 21. Tonight (Thursday) a trio of Brummie comics - Don Maclean, Malcolm Stent and Dave Sealey - will be taking a trip down memory lane at Dudley Concert Hall.

Modern warfare is explored via the medium of dance in 5 Soldiers by the Rosie Kay Dance Company at Wolverhampton's Arena Theatre tomorrow night (Fri).

That's the same night that Positive Steps showcases young talent from Birmingham at the city's Crescent Theatre.

An acclaimed new touring version of RC Sherriff's classic First World War drama Journey's End is at Stoke's Regent Theatre from Tuesday to Saturday, before arriving at Wolverhampton's Grand in early October.

The music of Andrew Lloyd Webber is celebrated by the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra and guest singers at the Symphony Hall tonight (Fri). The Orquesta Buena Vista Social Club, featuring singer Omara Portuondo, brings the music of Cuba to the Symphony Hall on Tuesday.

Mighty

Comedy highlights include: comedy actor turned stand-up Greg Davies at Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre on Tuesday; stand-up from Dan Clark, of The Mighty Boosh, at the Wulfrun Hall on Thursday (April 7); Andy Parsons of Mock The Week with his Gruntled show at Wolverhampton Civic Hall on April 8; Manchester's Jason Manford plays Dudley Concert Hall on Friday and Saturday, April 8 and 9.

DVD review

Skyline (15)

AMERICA is worried. The combination of 9/11 and economic decline has seen the most powerful nation start to think the unthinkable, that their role as world leaders is coming to an end and that the days of comfort and certainty are under threat.

Frankly, if the 20th Century belonged to the USA, it's looking like the 21st will have Made in China stamped on it.

This unease is reflected in Hollywood, which is producing the biggest crop of monster and alien invasion movies since the boom era of sci-fi B movies, the 1950s, when Communism and the atomic age were worrying Americans.

Just out on DVD, Skyline continues the trend with an apocalyptic assault on Los Angeles which starts with bright blue lights that draw residents to their windows like moths to a flame.

The lights are a nod to Close Encounters, and there are influences drawn from lots of other sci-fi movies, chiefly War Of The Worlds (Tom Cruise version), Cloverfield and Godzilla. We follow a bunch of music industry types and their girlfriends who find they have a grandstand view of the destruction of LA from the skyscraper penthouse suite of a rap star when alien ships appear in the sky and start sucking up humans like giant vacuum cleaners.

Under tentacled threat, Sklyine has good special effects

The dialogue is pretty cliched but the acting decent from the no star cast, the special effects are good and, after building up a feeling of dread, there is a roller-coaster ride of shocks, and even a twist at the end.

The tentacled aliens and their giant cousins are impressive and Skyline confirms its B-movie status with the aliens' reason for coming to earth.

Why? To scoop out our brains, of course. **Leon Burakowski**

Joe still rocks on

ONE of the UK's original rock and rollers, Joe Brown will be celebrating more than 50 years in showbiz at his concerts at Wolverhampton and Birmingham.

He will be at the Grand Theatre on April 10, and Birmingham Town Hall on April 15. The son of a London pub landlord was first marketed as a chirpy Cockney alternative to the American rockers.

In his youth he toured with Eddie Cochran, Gene Vincent and Billy Fury. He had several hits, including A Picture Of You, It Only Took A Minute and That's What Love Will Do, alongside his band The Bruvvers.

North-east folk band The Unthanks

Last but not least from The Unthanks

GEORDIE folk group The Unthanks will be in concert at Birmingham Town Hall on Wednesday (April 6) to celebrate the release of their haunting new album, Last.

The group, pictured, feature singing sisters Rachel and Becky Unthank.

They perform traditional folk from Northumberland, along with their own songs and covers of artists as diverse as Robert Wyatt and Antony Hegarty of Antony and the Johnsons. Last is their fourth album after 2005 debut Cruel Sister, 2007's Mercury Music Prize nominated The Bairns and Here's The Tender Coming in 2009.

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SATURDAY & SUNDAY 11.30	13.45	16.00	18.10 20.20
TURTLE'S TALE 3D (U) FLS			
FRIDAY, MONDAY TO THURSDAY	16:05		
SATURDAY & SUNDAY	13.50		
MARS NEEDS MOMS - 3D (PG) FLS			
SATURDAY & SUNDAY	15.55		
THE EAGLE (12A) FLS			
FRIDAY, MONDAY TO THURSDAY	18:00	20:30	
SATURDAY & SUNDAY	17.50	20.30	
FASTER (15) FLS			
ALL WEEK	16:20		
CHALET GIRL (12A) FLS			
FRIDAY, MONDAY TO THURSDAY	18:30	20.45	
SATURDAY & SUNDAY	14:00	18:30	20.45
SUCKER PUNCH (12A) FLS			
FRIDAY, MONDAY TO THURSDAY	15.50	18.20	20:50
SATURDAY & SUNDAY	13.20	15.50	18.20 20:50
PAUL (15)			
ALL WEEK	18:40		
KIDS CLUB - SATURDAY & SUNDAY			
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RANGO (PG)	11:40		
BIG MOMMAS (PG)	11:10		

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Return of the 100 per cent mortgage at Tipton society

THREE years after 100 per cent mortgages for first time buyers became extinct, they have been brought back to life by the Tipton and Coseley Building Society.

But borrowers have to get the financial backing of a family member to secure the deal.

The Tipton's Family Assist product allows first time buyers to borrow 100 per cent of the price of a home, but a family member – usually their father or mother – have to put up their own home as security.

The deal is being offered only to Tipton members or first time buyers in the Black Country and Birmingham areas. It is the first 100 per cent mortgage offered to first time buyers since the credit crunch started in 2008, other existing 100 per cent deals are offered only to people who already have a mortgage.

Chris Martin, chief executive of the Tipton, said the deal was intended to offer a chance of a first time home to young couples who have largely been priced out of the current market.

With average first time homes still costing £100,000 to £120,000 in the Black Country, while first timer borrowers often earn £20,000 a year or less, the idea of saving £5,000 or £10,000 as a deposit is often beyond their reach.

"If they can save it up, then all praise to them," said Chris Martin. "But it is why the average age of a first time buyer at the moment is 37. Five years ago it was about 25. And, of course, they face all the other costs such as legal expenses, moving, new furniture and so on. This is why it is so difficult for young people to get their feet on the property ladder at the moment. We are also running an advice day for first time buyers at our new Sedgley branch on Saturday, April 16. They don't have to be members or even looking for a home,they can just pop in and find out what is involved in buying a home."

The Tipton is also offering a new two year 90 per cent loan-to-value product with a discount of 0.30 per cent until 30 April 2013. giving an initial variable applied rate of 4.69 per cent. The product has a 0.40 per cent arrangement fee which must be added to the loan and early repayment charges apply during the discounted period.

The Family Assist discounted rate offers a discount of 0.10 per cent until April 30, 2013, giving an initial variable applied rate of only 4.89 per cent. The product has a 0.40 per cent arrangement fee which must be added to the loan and early repayment charges apply during the discounted period. A valuation of the family members property will also be required which will be charged at the Tipton's normal scale fee.

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Oatmill Close, Wednesbury

- 2 bedroom town house
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Lawned gardens
- New carpets

£395 PCM SORRY NO DSS

Chester Road, Sutton Coldfield

NEW
- Victorian 4 bedroom semi
- 2 reception rooms
- Fitted kitchen diner
- 2 bathrooms
- Garage at rear

Offers Around £229,950

Lewis Street, Tipton

- 1 bedroom 1st floor flat
- Spacious lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom/wc

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NEW
- Ground floor flat
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- New decoration
- Pleasant garden

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£179,950

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PRYOR ROAD, OLDBURY

NEW

Superbly presented and tastefully decorated traditional semi-detached house having been modernised to the highest of standards in recent years. Replacement double glazing and gas central heating. Internal inspection highly recommended. Lounge, Re-fitted Dining Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom with shower, Forecourt Parking, Established Rear Garden.

£124,950

DEVONSHIRE ROAD, SMETHWICK

NEW

Traditional semi-detached house having been fully modernised in recent years. Replacement double glazing and gas central heating. Lounge, Dining Room, Re-Fitted Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Re-Fitted Bathroom, Rear Garden, Potential Parking/Garage. Internal inspection recommended. No upward chain.

£124,950

RATCLIFFE WALK, OLDBURY

NEW

Traditional town house offering spacious family accommodation. Replacement double glazing and gas central heating. Lounge, Dining Kitchen, Conservatory, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Separate Toilet, Established Gardens. Offering an ideal first time purchase. No upward chain

£109,950

DEVEREUX ROAD, WEST BROMWICH

NEW PRICE

Modern semi-detached house having been extended in recent years to the side providing a granny annexe. With the benefit of double glazing and gas central heating. Lounge/Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Utility Room, Downstairs WC, Sitting Room No. 4/Playroom, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Established Gardens, Garage & Parking. Conveniently situated and worthy of internal inspection.

£154,950

QUEENS DRIVE, ROWLEY REGIS

Deceptively spacious modern detached house having been improved and maintained to the highest of standards throughout. Having the benefit of replacement double glazing and gas central heating. Popular residential location. Accommodation briefly comprising; reception all, cloakroom, spacious lounge, dining room, re-fitted kitchen, three bedrooms, re-fitted bathroom, garage, off road parking, landscaped rear garden.

£167,000

REGIS HEATH ROAD, ROWLEY REGIS

Well presented traditional semi-detached house having the benefit of replacement double glazing and gas central heating. Reception Hall, Through Lounge/Dining Area, Fitted Kitchen, Re-fitted Bathrom, Three Bedrooms, Off Road Parking, Rear Garden. No upward chain. Early inspection highly recommended

£124,950

CALIFORNIA ROAD, TIVIDALE

Traditional semi-detached house in popular residential location. Having been modernised in recent years with the benefit of remote control lighting, replacement double glazing and gas central heating. Entrance hall, lounge/dining room, fitted kitchen, utility room, two bedrooms, bathroom with spa bath, forecourt parking, rear garden. Internal inspection highly recommended.

£115,000

CECIL DRIVE, TIVIDALE

Well presented modern style semi, pleasant residential development, offering gas central heating, double glazing, lounge, kitchen, double glazed conservatory, two good bedrooms, garage, gardens, attractive block paved driveway providing off road parking, viewing essential.

£113,995

RAGLAN ROAD, SMETHWICK

NEW PRICE

Traditional town house in a popular residential location offering spacious accommodation. Having the benefit of replacement double glazing. In need of general updating. Comprising of: entrance hall, cloakroom, dining kitchen, lounge, three bedrooms, bathroom, garage, front garden.

£104,950

FLORENCE ROAD, OLDBURY

Traditional style semi, offering gas central heating, majority double glazing, and accommodation briefly comprising; lounge, dining room, kitchen, verandah, three bedrooms, bathroom, in need of modernisation, no upward chain.

£99,995

DUDLEY ROAD EAST, TIVIDALE

Traditional terraced house with replacement double glazed windows and gas central heating. Lounge, dining room, kitchen, bathroom three bedrooms, rear garden. Conveniently situated. Ideal first time purchase or investment opportunity.

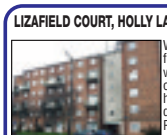
£89,950

WATERWAYS DRIVE, OLDBURY

Modern town house situated on this popular waterside development at oldbury. Well presented throughout with the benefit of replacement double glazing and gas central heating. Lounge, kitchen, bedroom, re-fitted bathroom, allocated parking, rear garden. Ideal first time purchase and worthy of early inspection

£84,950

LIZAFIELD COURT, HOLLY LANE, SMETH-



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£325,000

NEW

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£239,950

NEW

WEDNESBURY
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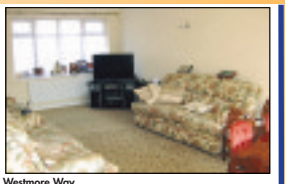

NEW

Wednesbury Westmore Way

A superb five bedroom detached property, refurbished and immaculate throughout. All double bedrooms, two receptions, three bathrooms, large garage - ideal family home.

£239,950

NEW

Wednesbury
Chestnut Road

Two bedroom semi detached house having through lounge, kitchen, ground floor shower room, secure gated parking, annexe with lounge and bedroom. Double glazed and gas central heated.

£149,950

NEW

WEDNESBURY
Lime Road

A spacious three bedroom semi detached house in good order throughout with double glazing, central heating, large lounge and rear garden with substantial outbuildings and ample off road parking.

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NEW

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£104,950

REDUCED

WEDNESBURY
WODEN ROAD EAST

This immaculately presented detached bungalow is fully double glazed and central heated throughout. With two bedrooms plus large attic room the property has two reception rooms plus a conservatory.

£214,950

REDUCED

WEDNESBURY
ARUNDEL AVENUE

Internal viewing is a must to appreciate the quality and size of the accommodation which is centrally heated and double glazed throughout and briefly comprises of; Reception hall, guest w/c, lounge, dining area, conservatory, three bedrooms, family bathroom, low maintenance landscaped rear garden, garage and off road parking.

£179,995

REDUCED

WEDNESBURY
10 OLDBURY STREET

Having been lovingly improved by the current owners, internal viewing is considered essential to appreciate the quality and size of the internal accommodation which benefits from central heating and double glazing and briefly comprises of: reception hall, dining kitchen, family bathroom, front and rear garden, detached garage to rear

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REDUCED

WEDNESBURY
PEMBERTON CRESCENT

With double glazing and combination heating throughout this three bedroom detached property is offered for sale with no upward chain and is competitively priced for a quick sale.

£119,600

REDUCED

Wednesbury
Darby Road

Situated in a popular road, this three bedroom semi is competitively priced and offers well appointed accommodation which benefits from central heating and double glazing throughout and briefly comprises of : Reception Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, ground floor Bathroom, three Bedrooms, attractive generous rear Garden and off road parking to the fore.

£117,500

REDUCED

WEDNESBURY
HOLLY ROAD

This traditional style two bedroom semi detached property is situated in a popular cul de sac off Woden Road North and is offered for sale with no upward chain. Thought ideal for young professionals , being ideally located for access to the motorway network at Junction 9 of M6. The accommodation benefits from majority central heating and double glazing.

£115,995

REDUCED

WEST BROMWICH
LINCOLN ROAD

This well presented, traditional style semi detached property is offered for sale with no upward chain. With three good size bedrooms the property is considered ideal for first time buyers.

£109,950

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WEDNESBURY
WELLCROFT STREET

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£92,950

REDUCED

Darlaston
Broadwaters Road

A very well presented TWO BEDROOMED SEMI-DETACHED residence on a larger than average plot, offering potential for further extension subject to necessary planning consents. The property is considered ideal for a first time buyer and having easy access to the centres of Darlaston, Willenhall and Wednesbury, with the Motorway network nearby for commuting to Birmingham. The property is well served by local amenities including schools for children of all ages.

£89,950

REDUCED

WEDNESBURY
VICARAGE ROAD

Situated in a very popular road, close to Wednesbury town centre, this well appointed traditional-style mid terraced property must be viewed internally to be fully appreciated. Being competitively priced for a quick sale, the accommodation includes two reception rooms, two bedrooms plus attic room - fantastic value.

£89,950

REDUCED

WEDNESBURY
BILSTON ROAD

With three bedrooms, this extended semi detached property is ideally located for Wednesbury town centre and is considered ideal for first time buyers.

£89,950

REDUCED

Darlaston
Hall Street East

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- Two Reception Rooms
- Internal Viewing is Recommended

Offers in the region of £137,000

NEW

Norman Road, Smethwick

- A Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- In Need of General Modernisation
- Ideal Family Sized Accommodation
- Ample off Road Parking
- Potential to Extend
- No Chain

Offers in the region of £139,950

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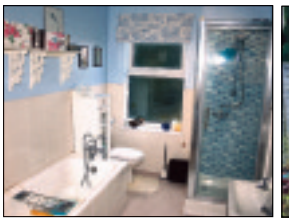

Upper St Marys Road, Bearwood

- An Immaculate Traditional Terrace
- Two Duble Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Spacious Bathroom
- Extensive Rear Garden

Offers in the region of £149,950

NEW

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- Tastefully Presented
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- Sizeable Utility Space
- Extensive Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking

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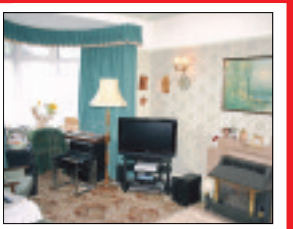

Abbey Road, Bearwood

- An Ideally Situated Semi
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- Three Bedrooms
- Well Presented
- Potential to Extend
- Ample Off Road Parking

Offers in the region of £204,950

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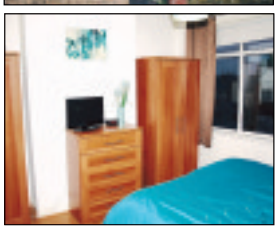

Swindon Road, Edgbaston

- A Beautifully Styled Mid Terrace
- Contemporary Feel Throughout
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Well Maintained Rear Garden
- Popular Residential Location
- Must be Viewed

Offers in the region of £124,950

Stirling Road, Edgbaston

NEW PRICE

- A Generously Sized Terrace
- Period Features Throughout
- Five Good Sized Bedrooms
- No Chain

Offers in the region of £274,950

Clifford Road, Bearwood

NEW PRICE

- Immaculate Two Bedroom Terrace
- Two Seperate Reception Rooms
- Attractive Kitchen
- No Chain

Offers in the region of £149,950

NEW

Bishopton Road, Bearwood

- An Attractive Mid Terrace
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Close to Lightwoods Park & Local Schools
- No Upward Chain

Offers in the region of £174,950

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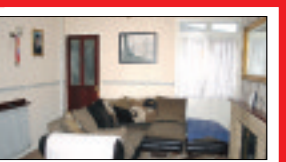

Pargeter Road, Bearwood

- A Traditional Mid Terrace
- Three Bedrooms
- Interconnecting Reception Rooms
- Easy to Maintain Rear Garden
- Popular Residential Location
- No Upward Chain

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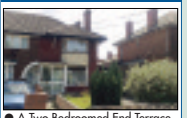
- Downstairs Shower Room

£112,500

WALSALL ROAD, B71 3HH



- A Two Bedroomed End Terrace
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- Freehold

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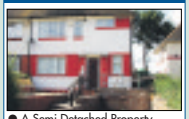

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Newcomen Drive, Tipton — NEW

Modern Middle Terrace having upvc double glazing, gas central heating & cul de sac location. Offering no upward chain, superbly presented internal accommodation & briefly comprising, reception hall, guest cloakroom, lounge, fitted breakfast kitchen with built in oven/hob, conservatory, 3 bedrooms, bathroom with shower, parking to front & paved rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£129,950**

Great Meadow, Tipton — NEW

Modern 'Mendip' design Detached situated on a good size corner plot. Having upvc double glazing, gas central heating, spacious family accommodation and briefly comprising, reception hall, guest cloakroom, lounge, dining room, fitted breakfast kitchen, study room, 4 bedrooms, en suite shower room, family bathroom, 2 car driveway, garage & gardens.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£247,500**

St Helens Avenue, Bridgemere, Tipton — NEW

Modern Semi Detached having upvc double glazing and gas central heating. Offering no upward chain and briefly comprising, enclosed porch, reception hall, lounge, conservatory, re-fitted kitchen with built in oven/hob, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, driveway to front and rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£104,950**

Chatwins Wharf, Tipton — NEW

Modern Middle Terrace Bungalow for the over 60's on a warden controlled scheme. Offering upvc double glazing, gas central heating, no upward chain and briefly comprising, reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, inner hallway, 2 bedrooms, shower room, resident parking and attractive communal gardens.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£84,950**

Irving Road, Wednesbury Oak Estate, Tipton — NEW

Modern End Terrace situated on an excellent corner plot and located on a most sought after development. Offering upvc double glazing, electric heating and spacious family accommodation which briefly comprises, porch, reception hall, lounge, conservatory, fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom plus shower cubicle, garage in separate block, fore / side / rear gardens.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£114,950**

Stella Road, Tipton — NEW

Semi Detached offering no upward chain and briefly comprising, reception hall, lounge, sitting room, kitchen, outhouses, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, driveway, fore / rear gardens.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£94,500**

Chapel Street, The Grove, Tipton — NEW

Modern End Terrace having upvc double glazing and gas central heating. Well presented, good size accommodation briefly comprises, reception hall, guest cloakroom, lounge, fitted kitchen with built in oven/hob, 2 bedrooms, bathroom with shower, side driveway, side garage, fore and rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£104,995**

Park Lane West, Tipton — NEW

Much Improved Middle Terrace having upvc double glazing and gas central heating. Internal viewing is recommended whilst briefly comprising, reception hall, lounge, conservatory, fitted kitchen with built in oven/hob, 2 bedrooms, bathroom with shower, enclosed driveway to front and rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£109,950**

Margaret Vale, Burberry Grange, Tipton

Modern Semi Detached having upvc double glazing, gas central heating and situated on a sought after location. Reception hall, lounge, fitted breakfast kitchen (built in appliances), conservatory, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, driveway, double tandem garage, fore and rear gardens.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£139,000**

Leveson Drive, Tipton

Modern End Terrace having upvc double glazing, gas central heating and offering immaculate internal accommodation. Situated on a sought after development whilst briefly comprising, reception hall, lounge, conservatory, fitted kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom with shower, side driveway, fore garde & landscaped rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£109,950**

Shrubbery Avenue, Tipton

Traditional Detached having gas central heating. Situated in a sought after location whilst briefly comprising, porch, reception hall, lounge, open plan dining room / fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, secure parking to rear & fore garden.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£130,000**

Alexandra Way, Tividale — NEW

Modern Semi Detached having upvc double glazing and gas central heating. Improved / well presented accommodation briefly comprises, reception hall, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom with shower, side driveway, side garage, fore / rear gardens.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£124,995**

Tudor Court, Tipton — NEW

Purpose Built First Floor Flat having upvc double glazing. Reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom with shower and garage in separate block.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£63,500**

Sannders Crescent, Alexandra Park, Tipton — REDUCED

Modern 2.5 Storey Middle Terrace having UPVc double glazing, gas central heating,fitted alarm and well presented accommodation. Reception hall, guest cloakroom, lounge, fitted kitchen with built in oven/hob, 3 bedrooms, en-suite shower room, family bathroom, garage & attractive rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£125,995**

Lee Street, Hill Top, West Bromwich — NEW

Modern Design Semi Detached having upvc double glazing, gas central heating and loft room. Well presented family accommodation briefly comprises, porch, reception hall, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, loft room / possible bedroom 4, side driveway, side garage, fore / rear gardens.
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Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£134,950**

Castle Road, Tipton

Individual Traditional Detached which has beed renovated and much improved. Having upvc double glazing, gas central heating and briefly comprising, lounge / dining room, fitted kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom with shower, enclosed driveway and garden.
OFFERS AROUND:
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Butler Street, West Bromwich — NEW

Middle Terrace in need of modernisation and offering no upward chain. Spacious accommodation briefly comprises, reception hall, lounge, sitting room, inner lobby, kitchen, downstairs bathroom, 2 bedrooms and rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND:
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Hudson Road, Tipton — REDUCED

Semi Detached occupying an exceptional large plot offering potential for extensions (subject to planning). Having upvc double glazing, gas central heating, reception hall, through lounge / dining room, fitted kitchen, outhouses, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, driveway, fore garden, large gardens to side / rear.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£125,000**

Gordon Drive, Tipton — REDUCED

Semi detached residence having UPVc double glazing, gas central heating, no upward chain, cul de sac location and briefly comprises: Enclosed Porch, Reception Hall, Lounge, Kitchen Diner, 3 Bedrooms, Re fitted Bathroom, Side Garage and Front & Rear Gardens.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£114,995**

Carnegie Avenue, Tipton

Modern Middle Terrace having UPVc double glazing, cul de sac location, ideal first time purchase & briefly comprising, reception hall, lounge, kitchen with built in oven/hob, 2 bedrooms, bathroom with shower, parking & gardens.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£93,500**

Middle Meadow, Tipton — NEW

Modern Larger Style Detached having upvc double glazing, gas central heating and spacious family accommodation. Reception hall, guest cloakroom, lounge, dining room, conservatory, fitted breakfast kitchen, 3 bedrooms, 2 en suite shower rooms, family bathroom, 2 car driveway & rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£179,950**

Owen Street, Tipton

Middle Terrace having upvc double glazing, part gas central heating and offering no upward chain. Ideal first time purchase whilst briefly comprising, porch, reception hall, guest cloakroom, lounge, fitted kitchen, 2 bedrooms, shower room, separate w.c. & rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£81,000**

Seymour Road, Tipton — NEW

Semi Detached having upvc double glazing, gas central heating and superbly improved internal accommodation. Viewing highly recommended whilst briefly comprising, porch, reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen / dining room, guest cloakroom, 3 bedrooms, spacious bathroom, block paved fore court and rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£132,500**

Park Lane West, Tipton

Well presented middle terrace residence which benefits from upvc double glazing & gas central heating. Spacious family accommodation and briefly comprises: Porch, Reception Hall, Lounge, Fitted Breakfast Kitchen, Conservatory, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Front Driveway & Enclosed Rear Garden.
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Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£122,500**

Darbys Way, Alexandra Park, Tipton — NEW

Modern 3 Storey Middle Town House having upvc double glazing, gas central heating, no upward chain, spacious family accommodation & briefly comprising, storm porch, reception hall, 2 guest cloakrooms, lounge, fitted breakfast kitchen with built in oven/hob, 4 bedrooms, 2 en suite shower rooms, family bathroom, integral garage & rear garden.
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Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£144,950**

Sefton Grove, Woodford Hollow, Tipton

Modern Extended Semi Detached having upvc double glazing, gas central heating, sought after location & extensions to ground / first floor. Well presented accommodation briefly comprises, reception hall, lounge, dining area, conservatory, fitted kitchen, 4 bedrooms, bathroom with shower, driveway, garage & rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£152,000**

Palethorpe Road, Tipton

Semi Detached having upvc double glazing and gas central heating. Internal viewing is highly recommended whilst briefly comprising, reception hall, lounge (inglenook fireplace), fitted kitchen with built in oven/hob, conservatory, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, block paved driveway and rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£89,950**

Dudley Port, Tipton

Traditional Detached having upvc double glazing and gas central heating. Improved accommodation briefly comprises, vestibule, reception hall, lounge, sitting room, sun-lounge, fitted kitchen, guest cloakroom, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, enclosed driveway, fore / rear gardens.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£149,995**

Great Meadow, Tipton

Modern Detached having upvc double glazing, gas central heating and spacious well presented family accommodation. Reception hall, guest cloakroom, lounge / dining room, fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, en suite shower room, family bathroom, driveway, garage, fore / rear gardens.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£169,950**

Groveland Road, Tipton — REDUCED

Modern Ground Floor Apartment on a Shared Ownership scheme. Having upvc double glazing, gas central heating, security entrance doors, ideal starter home & briefly comprising, reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen with built in oven/hob, 2 bedrooms, bathroom with shower & allocated parking space.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£58,000**

The Square, Queensgate, Tipton

Modern Detached having upvc double glazing and gas central heating. Internal viewing strongly recommended whilst briefly comprises, reception hall, lounge / dining room, fitted kitchen with built in oven/hob, 3 bedrooms, en suite shower room, family bathroom, garage & rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£149,995**

Harlyn Close, Bridgefields, Bilston — NEW

Modern Family Detached situated on an exceptionally large corner plot in a sought after location. Offering double glazing, gas central heating & convenient for all town links, bus routes and local amenities. Reception hall, guest cloakroom, lounge, sitting room, conservatory, fitted kitchen built in oven/hob, utility room, 4 bedrooms, en suite shower room, family bathroom, driveway / parking for several cars, garage, fore / side gardens & rear garden.
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Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£233,995**

Barney Close, Tipton

Immaculate Modern Detached which benefits from UPVc double-glazing, gas central heating, fitted alarm, sought after location & briefly comprising, Reception Hall, Lounge, inner hallway, Guest Cloakroom, Fitted Kitchen / dining room with built in appliances, Conservatory, 3 Bedrooms, En Suite Shower Room, Family Bathroom, Single Garage, Block Paved Driveway & Rear Garden. Viewing Highly Recommended to appreciate the accommodation on offer.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£169,950**

Holcroft Street, Tipton — NEW

Middle Terrace having upvc double glazing and gas central heating. Well presented spacious internal accommodation briefly comprises, lounge, sitting room, kitchen, downstairs bathroom, 3 bedrooms, rear yard and rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£91,950**

Wades Close, The Grove, Tipton

Modern 'Hockley 2' design 2.5 storey Semi Detached having UPVc double-glazing, gas central heating, fitted alarm and spacious family accommodation. Reception hall, guest cloakroom, lounge, fitted kitchen with built in oven/hob, 4 bedrooms, 2 en-suite shower rooms, family bathroom, side garage & rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£144,950**

Bertram Close, Tipton — NEW

Modern Extended Terrace having upvc double glazing, gas central heating, extended to rear and spacious family accommodation. Reception hall, lounge, sitting room, fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, fore court to front, 2 garages to rear & rear garden.
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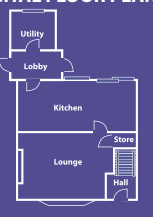

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- Gas Central Heating
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- Reception Hall

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Chestnut Road, Golf Links, Wednesbury

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- Central Heating
- No Upward Chain

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- Attractive 3 Bedroom Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing (where specified)
- Very Spacious Accommodation
- Reception Hall

OFFERS AROUND £189,995
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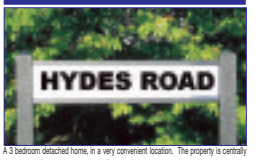
COMING SOON..... Hydes Road, Wednesbury



A 3 bedroom detached home, in a very convenient location. The property is centrally heated and offers no upward chain. The accommodation, which requires a general upgrade has accommodation to comprise a reception hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, enclosed rear garden, off road parking for upto 2 cars and a garage.

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Kent Road, Woods Estate, Wednesbury — NEW

- 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- No Upward Chain
- Double Glazed & Centrally Heated (as specified)
- 22ft Through Lounge/Diner

OFFERS AROUND: £99,995
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Kent Road, Wednesbury — REDUCED

- A 2 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing (as specified)
- No Upward Chain
- Reception Hall & Guest WC

Viewing: 0121 505 3533 £90,000

Hazel Road, Leabrook, Tipton

- 2 Bedroom Detached Bungalow
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing (where specified)
- Reception Hall

Viewing: 0121 505 3533 £154,995

Queen Street, Moxley, Wednesbury

- A 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Double Glazed (as specified)
- No Upward Chain
- In Need of General Upgrade

OFFERS AROUND: £77,500
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Devon Road, Woods Estate, Wednesbury

- 2 Bedroom Semi Detached
- Corner Plot
- Central Heating & Double Glazing (As specified)
- No Upward Chain

OFFERS AROUND: £94,995
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Crankhall Lane, Wednesbury

- 3 Bedroom Semi Detached
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Excellent Amenities

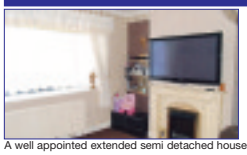
OFFERS AROUND: £95,000
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Forge Road, Wednesbury — REDUCED

- Presenting an Extended 2 Bedroom Semi Detached
- Gas Central Heating
- Ideally Located for Access to Darlaston Town Centre
- Reception Hall

OFFERS AROUND: £84,995
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Glastonbury Road, West Bromwich — NEW



A well appointed extended semi detached house with excellent position for shops and local amenities. No Upward Chain. Accommodation comprises, Entrance hall, lounge, dining area, extended kitchen, 2 double bedrooms, bathroom/ WC, good size rear garden and shared driveway to front.

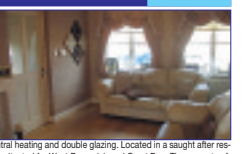
Viewing 0121 525 2111 £84,950

Acorn Close, West Bromwich — NEW

An Attractive, First floor Flat. Conveniently situated within easy walking distance of the Town centre and the Metro. Centrally heated and double glazed. No upward chain. Ground floor Hallway, Hall, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, 2 Bedrooms, Reffited Bathroom/Wc, Shared gardens to front and rear, Car parking space. Includes carpets as fitted.

Viewing 0121 525 2111 OFFERS AROUND: £74,950

Horsecroft, West Bromwich — NEW



An attractive, modern 2 bedroom end town house with alarm, gas central heating and double glazing. Located in a saught after residential area on a choice corner plot, this property is also conveniently situated for West Bromwich and Great Barr. The property offers accommodation to include Reception Hall, Lounge, Dining Kitchen, 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom/ WC, Off Road Parking to front for 2 cars and enclosed rear Garden. Viewing Recommended.

Viewing 0121 525 2111 OFFERS AROUND: £119,995

Mottram Close, West Bromwich — NEW

A Deceptively Spacious Detached House located within a Quiet Cul De Sac, which must be be viewed to be fully appreciated. No Upward Chain. Accommodation Comprises- Porch, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen/ Diner, Utility with WC, 3 Double Bedrooms, Bathroom/ WC, Gardens to Front, Rear & Side and Driveway leading to Integral Garage.

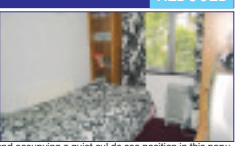
Viewing 0121 525 2111 OFFERS AROUND: £179,950

Turner Street, West Bromwich West Bromwich — REDUCED

A Three Bedroom Mid Terraced House requiring upgrading and refurbishment. No Upward Chain. Accomodation Comprises- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen/ Diner (Not Fitted), Three Bedrooms, Bathroom/ WC (requires attention) and Gardens to Front & Rear.

OFFERS AROUND: £81,000
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Mostyn Crescent, West Bromwich — REDUCED



A Traditional Semi Detached House having central heating and occupying a quiet cul de sac position in this popular residential area. Storm Porch, Hall, 28ft Lounge/Dining Room, Kitchen, Verandah, Covered Side Passageway, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom/WC, Block paved forecourt affording off road parking for a car and a very small rear garden.

Viewing 0121 525 2111 £99,950

Gill Street, West Bromwich West Bromwich

A Spacious End Terraced House. No Upward Chain. Centrally heated, Double Glazed and Cavity Wall & Loft Insulation. Accommodation Comprises- Entrance Hall, Through Lounge/ Dining Room, Kitchen, 2 Good Size Bedrooms, Bathroom with Seperate WC and Gardens to Front & Rear. Requires Upgrade and Refurbishment but priced accordingly. Revised Approx 20 years ago.

OFFERS AROUND: £79,950
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Harrington Croft, West Bromwich West Bromwich

An Impressive Large Type 3 Bedroom Detached House, situated in a quiet development within the highly sought after Penny Hill Lane Area. With easy Access to the Western Road, this property also benefits from Central Heating, Double Glazing, Intruder alarm and No Upward Chain. Accommodation Briefly Comprises- 2 Reception Rooms, Kitchen/ Diner, Large Conservatory, Utility, Guest Cloaks/ WC, Master Bedroom with En Suite Bathroom/ WC, 2nd Bedroom with En suite Shower Room/ WC, 3 Further Bedrooms, Family Bathroom/ WC, 2nd Floor Shower Room/ WC, Garden To Rear and Double Garage with Drive to Off Road Parking.

OFFERS AROUND: £359,950
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Farhill Close, West Bromwich West Bromwich

A Modern 3 Bedroom End Terraced House within a quiet residential area. Pleasant outlook to front. No Upward Chain. Centrally Heated and Double Glazed. Accomodation Comprises- Porch, Hall with Guest Cloaks/ WC, Lounge, Kitchen/ Diner, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom with Seperate WC and Gardens to Front & Rear.

OFFERS AROUND: £99,950
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Pennyhill Lane, West Bromwich West Bromwich

A Delightful 3 Bedroom Period Property with panoramic views. Situated in one of the most sought after locations in the area, this house must be viewed to be appreciated. Accomodation Comprises- Long Entrance Hall, Lounge, 1/ Shaped Fitted Kitchen, Ground Floor Bathroom/ WC, Large Landing, First Floor WC, 3 Bedrooms, Enclosed Garden Area and Archway to rear Parking Area.

OFFERS AROUND: £199,950
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Beaconview Road, West Bromwich West Bromwich

A Good Size Split Level Flat located on the 10th floor. Benefitting from Double Glazing and Electric Heating. Accomodation comprises, Lounge, Kitchen Diner, 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom/ WC and Communal Parking Area. No Upward Chain.

OFFERS AROUND: £39,950
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Blades Road, West Bromwich West Bromwich

A Spacious Extended Semi Detached House, Conveniently located for West Bromwich and Great Bridge. Benefitting from Central Heating and Double Glazing. Accommodation Comprises- Porch, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Open Plan Kitchen/ Diner, Utility with WC, 3 Good Size Bedrooms, Reffited Shower Room/ WC, Large Split Level Rear Garden and Gravelled Off Road Parking to Front leading to Side Garage.

OFFERS AROUND: £134,950
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Gladstone Street, West Bromwich West Bromwich

A Modern Semi Detached Bungalow with an Excellent Location Ideal for Town Centre and Sandwell Hospital. No Upward Chain. Stamp Duty Exempt. Benefitting from Central Heating, Double Glazing and intruder alarmed. Accommodation Comprises- Hall, Lounge, 2 Bedrooms, Kitchen, Reffited Shower Room/ WC, Gardens to Front and Rear and Driveway Off Road Parking Leading to Garage.

OFFERS AROUND: £139,950
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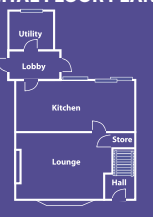

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FLORENCE ROAD

Price: £99,995

A traditional semi detached property requiring complete refurbishment and modernisation. Hall entrance with stores off into two reception rooms kitchen area, lobby. Staircase from reception hall to first floor landing off which lead three bedrooms, bathroom, central heating and double glazing where specified, off road parking, front and rear gardens

OLDBURY

NEW

OLDACRE ROAD

Offers in the region of £69,950

An opportunity to acquire a 50% share of a retirement bungalow front entrance door opening onto L shaped reception hall, lounge with feature fireplace, kitchen, two bedrooms, shower room, central heating and double glazing where specified, rear garden having timber sheds, shared driveway to front

OLDBURY

NEW

WALTON ROAD

Offers in the region of £94,950

An opportunity to acquire a semi detached property offering good size accommodation. Reception hall, lounge with feature fireplace, dining kitchen. Staircase extending from reception hall to first floor landing off which lead, three bedrooms bathroom with seperate shower, double glazing where specified, off road parking and rear garden

OLDBURY

BLOXCIDGE STREET

Offers in the region of £189,950

A Victorian well maintained semi-detached property in sought after location. Vestibule entrance into reception hall with cellar off, two reception rooms with dividing archway, dining kitchen, lobby & W.C. Staircase from hall to first floor, four bedrooms, bathroom with shower over bath, central heating, double glazing where specified, front and rear gardens.

OLDBURY

VICARAGE ROAD

Offers in the region of £169,950

A fully refurbished and modernised traditional detached property situated in a convenient location, storm porch entrance into reception hall, two reception rooms with feature fireplaces, kitchen, garage with utility and w.c. Staircase to three bedrooms, bathrooms shower over bath, central heating, double glazing where specified, off road parking, front and rear gardens

OLDBURY

FARM AVENUE

Offers in the region of £159,950

A well presented traditional semi detached within the catchment areas of Moat Farm Junior School and Oldbury College of Sport, offering tastefully modern decorated extended family accommodation, porch entrance, reception hall, lounge, dining kitchen, archway to conservatory. Stairs to three bedrooms, shower room, central heating and double glazing, off road parking, rear garden

WEST BROMWICH

ANDREW ROAD

Offers in the region of £129,950

A detached family home situated on a corner plot offering well planned accommodation comprising hall entrance stores off, through lounge incorporating dinning area, kitchen integral oven and hob, staircase to three bedrooms, bathroom shower over bath, double glazing, central heating, off road parking, garage gardens to front side and rear.

OLDBURY

JARVIS CRESCENT

Offers in the region of £125,000

An improved and extended semi detached property location having large themed landscaped and well maintained garden to the rear, storm porch entrance, hall, lounge, dining room, inner hallway having bathroom, seperate w.c, stores and conservatory leading off, kitchen. Staircase to three bedrooms, central heating and double glazing, off road parking and rear garden

OLDBURY

ETHEL STREET

Offers in the region of £107,950

A fully refurbished and modernised well presented mid terraced property situated in a highly sought after and convenient location offering ideal first purchase uPVC entrance door, front room, inner hallway, rear sitting room with feature fireplace, galley style kitchen, lobby, bathroom with shower over bath. Staircase to first floor landing, two bedrooms, double glazing, gas central heating, rear garden

OLDBURY

BIRCHFIELD LANE

Offers in the region of £99,950

A well presented and improved semi detached property storm porch opening into reception hall, W.C. off, lounge with feature fireplace, dining kitchen, staircase from reception hall to first floor landing off which leads three bedrooms, bathroom shower over bath, central heating and double glazing front and rear gardens.

OLDBURY

TO LET

WARLEY ROAD

£540 pcm

An deceptively spacious and well presented end townhouse occupying a elevated position above the roadside porch entrance, reception hall, lounge having feature fireplace, inner hallway, bathroom, shower over bath, dinning kitchen, staircase extending from hall to first floor landing three bedrooms, double glazing, central heating, off road parking and rear garden

OLDBURY

TO LET

WALTON ROAD

£520 pcm

A semi detached three bedroomed property with double glazing and partially cental heated. Hall entrance into lounge, dining kitchen with two stores leading off. Staircase from reception hall to first floor landing off which lead three bedrooms bathroom shower over bath, off road parking to front, rear garden

TIVIDALE

TO LET

DUDLEY ROAD EAST

£500 pcm

A deceptively spacious mid terraced property offering an excellent long term let. Front entrance into front room, inner hallway stores off, rear sitting room, dining kitchen. Staircase to first floor landing, two bedrooms, bathroom shower over bath, central heating, double glazing, shallow front garden, rear garden.

OLDBURY

TO LET

LANGLEY ROAD

£415 pcm

A ground floor flat situated within a converted building, offering ideal accommodation for couples or single person. Communal entrance off Farm Road, with stores, flat entrance door staircase leading to first floor landing off which lead lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms bathroom with shower, double glazing and electric heating communal yard to rear.

ROWLEY REGIS

TO LET

HIGH STREET

Annual Rent: £6,750

Spacious first floor office suite to let, conveniently located and offering well planned accommodation comprising: Entrance, waiting area, kitchenette, reception area, bathroom, kitchen and 4 No. office spaces. Central heating and part double glazed.

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THRONE ROAD, ROWLEY REGIS

This deceptively spacious traditional style detached residence offers good family accommodation with the benefit of gas fired central heating and double glazing. The property requires upgrading, but internal inspection is highly recommended and briefly comprises reception hall, two reception rooms, extended breakfast kitchen, rear lobby with toilet and storage off, three large bedrooms, bathroom, side garage, large gardens, off street parking to front, freehold.

Offers based on £180,000

Viewing: Oldbury Office

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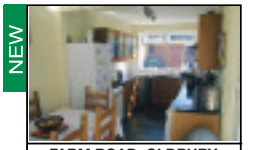

FARM ROAD, OLDBURY

Situated close to Wolverhampton Road this excellently presented deceptively spacious mid terrace requires full internal inspection to be appreciated. The well planned accommodation has been fully refurbished and offers good sized family accommodation to include two reception rooms, extended kitchen/diner, three good sized bedrooms, family bathroom, side storage room, gardens overlooking allotments, central heating and double glazing, freehold.

Offers based on £124,950

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REDUCED

WINDSOR ROAD, OLDBURY

Situated in a popular convenient residential locality close to the Wolverhampton Road, this well presented extended traditional semi-detached offers good accommodation with the benefit of double glazing and gas fired central heating, briefly comprises reception hall, through lounge, extended kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, gardens fore and rear, garage space to rear. Freehold

Offers based on £143,000

Viewing Oldbury Office

REDUCED

GREEN STREET, OLDBURY

Full internal inspection is highly recommended for this well presented semi detached residence contained in a convenient locality close to Oldbury town centre. The well planned accommodation which benefits from gas fired central heating and double glazing briefly comprises storm porch, entrance hall, front lounge, open plan dining kitchen, conservatory with guest shower room off, three bedrooms, bathroom, off street parking to front, well looked after garden, freehold.

Offers based on £104,950

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FAIRWAY AVENUE, TIVIDALE

Forming an ideal first purchase this excellently presented semi detached residence offers gas fired CH and DG. Full internal inspection is highly recommended: Reception hall, two reception rooms, fitted kitchen, side verandah leading to side passageway to toilet and utility, three good sized bedrooms, bathroom, off street parking to front, good sized garden and garage to rear, freehold.

Offers based on £109,950

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MILCOTE ROAD, BEARWOOD

Enjoying a much favoured residential location in this pleasant neighbourhood adjacent to Lightwoods Park, a traditional style villa residence offering gas centrally heated accommodation to include two double bedrooms, spacious bathroom, two reception rooms, kitchen, downstairs cloakroom and neatly laid out garden to the rear, having the benefit of comprehensive day-to-day amenities close at hand to include easy access to Birmingham city centre and ideally suited for first time buyers.

Offers based on £144,950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

LONDONDERRY LANE, SMETHWICK

A traditional style freehold town house residence enjoying a popular most convenient location in this established neighbourhood, offering PVC double glazed and gas centrally heated accommodation which includes three bedrooms, bathroom, hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, garden to the rear and having a garage located within close proximity to the property. Having comprehensive day-to-day amenities close at hand and ideally suited for first time buyers.

Offers based on £99,950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

VALENTINE ROAD, BEARWOOD

Located in a pleasant established residential thoroughfare close to good day-to-day amenities, a traditional style end town house offering double glazed and gas centrally heated accommodation to include three bedrooms, bathroom, well proportioned lounge, separate dining room, kitchen, utility and stores, attractive well stocked gardens and off-street parking, within easy reach of Warley Woods and Bearwood shopping centre, ideal for first time purchasers but being in need of some upgrading.

Offers based on £99,950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

GOODYEAR ROAD, SMETHWICK

A superbly presented town house located in a pleasant established residential thoroughfare close to good day-to-day amenities, offering gas centrally heated and PVC double glazed accommodation to include three bedrooms, refitted fully tiled bathroom, spacious lounge, superbly presented refitted kitchen/breakfast room, excellent size conservatory, downstairs cloakroom and neatly laid out garden to the rear, having the benefit of off-street parking for one/two cars, within easy reach of Warley Woods and Bearwood shopping centre, and with internal inspection highly recommended.

Offers based on £134,950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

PITCAIRN ROAD

An immaculate, expensively improved and enviably situated traditional style freehold semi-detached, offering gas CH, PVC DG and fully alarmed accommodation to include three bedrooms, well appointed fully tiled and refitted bathroom with individual shower, reception hall, good size lounge opening to a superb dining / kitchen / family room, enclosed side entrance / laundry area, side garage, off-street parking and gardens, having the benefit of fire resistant internal doors, day-to-day amenities close at hand.

Offers based on £225,000

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BEECHFIELD ROAD, SMETHWICK

A superbly presented and recently refurbished traditional style freehold terraced villa located in this popular neighbourhood midway between Smethwick and Bearwood town centres, offering gas CH and PVC glazed to include two double bedrooms, dining room, lounge, refitted kitchen, superbly presented refitted bathroom and neatly laid out garden to the rear, being ideally suited for first time purchasers.

Offers based on £97,950

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WESTMEAD DRIVE, OLDBURY

A superbly presented and recently refurbished traditional style freehold terraced villa located in this popular neighbourhood midway between Smethwick and Bearwood town centres, offering gas centrally heated and PVC glazed accommodation to include two double bedrooms, dining room, lounge, refitted kitchen, superbly presented refitted bathroom and neatly laid out garden to the rear, having the benefit of comprehensive day-to-day amenities close at hand, being ideally suited for first time purchasers and with internal inspection a must.

Offers based on £97,950

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BEAKES ROAD, BEARWOOD

Located in this popular and established residential neighbourhood just off the main Bearwood High Street, a traditional style freehold terraced property offering gas centrally heated and mostly PVC double glazed accommodation to include three bedrooms, split level through lounge/dining room, kitchen, shower room and garden to the rear, having the benefit of good day-to-day amenities close at hand and providing easy access to Birmingham city centre.

Offers based on £99,950

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Commecial property, with shop and warehouse unit at rear, parking space at front. negotiable lease terms available.
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WEST BROMWICH
OAK ROAD

Commercial Shop/office, good size retail premises, Separate w.c. Front shop window with shutter. very secure and ideal position 5 min walk from High street.
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DUDLEY
QUEENS CROSS

Commercial sale of 2 shops. Fish & chip shop and off licence with 4 bedroom flat above. shops on a 7 year lease. Available freehold.
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OLDBURY
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£15,000 pa

WEDNESBURY
GLOUCESTER ROAD

3 bedroom semi-detached property, through lounge, ch & dg, off road parking
£550

TIVIDALE
LESLIE RISE

3 bedroom semi dtached property, spacious lounge, ch & dg. First floor bathroom. off road parking. garden. unfurnished
£500

TIPTON
SPRING MEADOW

Lovely 1 bedroom flat, open plan kitchen, storage heaters, double glazed window. allocated parking
£400

WEST BROMWICH
OAK LANE

2 bedroom mid-terrace property, 2 reception rooms, ch and dg, ground floor bathroom, available unfurnished.
£450

WEST BROMWICH
HAYWOODS FARM

2 bedroom modern semi-detached property, ch and dg, spacious lounge first floor bathroom. unfurnished. Off road parking
£500

WEST BROMWICH
HIGH STREET

Rooms to let, sharing Kitchen and bathroom all bills included. unfurnished.
£60 per week

TIPTON
DOVECOTE CLOSE

Modern 3 bedroom semi-detached property, spacious lounge, upstairs bathroom. ch & Dg, private drive and garage. unfurnished.
£570

WEST BROMWICH
HARGATE LANE

3 bedroom mid-terrace property, 2 reception rooms, ch & dg. ground floor bathroom. available furnished. near sandwell hospital
£530

WEST BROMWICH
WESTLEY COURT

Modern 2 bedroom apartment, spacious open plan kitchen, fitted bathroom, storage heaters, dg windows. designated secure carpark.
£550

WEST BROMWICH
ANDREW RD

3 bedroom semi-detached property in the charlemont area, ch and dg, through lounge. upstairs bathroom. private drive and garage. unfurnished
£550

WEST BROMWICH
HALL GREEN ROAD

A very spacious ground floor 3 bedroom maisonnette, large reception room, ch and dg unfurnished and off road parking. must be viewed to be appreciated.
£500

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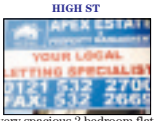

very spacious 2 bedroom flat above shops, fitted kitchen with appliances, bathroom and additional w.c, ch & dg. Available furnished.
£480

WEST BROMWICH
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SMETHWICK

Holly lane

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Offers around £229,950

SMETHWICK

Mansion Crescent

A deceptively spacious, thoughtfully improved 3 bedroomed intermediate family home having majority double glazing, gas radiator heating and briefly comprising :- Entrance vestibule, attractive spacious lounge, super re-fitted kitchen, conservatory, 3 bedrooms, bathroom and pleasant rear garden. Internal inspection highly recommended. BEARWOOD OFFICE 0121 434 4345

Offers around £145,000

BEARWOOD

Loxley Road

A deceptively spacious, well proportioned 2 bedroomed intermediate terraced property occupying a pleasant position within this popular neighbourhood conveneint for local shopping facilities within Bearwood Town Centre, having double glazing and briefly comprising :- Porch, Entrance hall, lounge, separate dining room, kitchen, 2 good sized bedrooms, spacious bathroom and pleasant rear garden. VIEWING ESSENTIAL. NO UPWARD CHAIN. BEARWOOD OFFICE 0121 434 4345

Offers around £139,950

OLDBURY

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OLDBURY

Goode Close

An opportunity to acquire a spacious, delightfully presented, considerably improved 3 Bedroomed family home occupying a pleasant cul-de-sac position upon this popular development, having double glazing, gas radiator heating, briefly comprising :- Entrance vestibule, hall, delightful spacious through lounge with dining area, opening through to superb conservatory, fitted kitchen (with oven/hob), 3 bedrooms, attractive bathroom, off road parking, carport, useful store (previously garage) and pleasant rear garden. VIEWING ESSENTIAL. BEARWOOD OFFICE 0121 434 4345

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Occupying a pleasant position within this popular, convenient neighbourhood, this 3 bedroomed end terraced property truly requires an internal inspection to be fully appreciated, having double glazing, gas radiator heating and briefly comprising: Porch, entrance hall, delightful lounge (with feature fireplace) and archway to dining area, refitted kitchen (having oven/hob), super refitted downstairs bathroom, 3 bedrooms (bed 3 with shower room en suite having w.c.) and pleasant rear garden. BEARWOOD OFFICE 0121 434 4345

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SMETHWICK

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SMETHWICK

Francis Road

A chance to acquire a deceptively spacious, considerably improved and well presented 3 bedroomed semi detached property, which truly requires an internal inspection to be fully appreciated, having gas radiator heating, double glazing and briefly comprising: Delightful spacious lounge, superb refitted dining kitchen (with integral fridge and dishwasher), small utility, rear vestibule (having downstairs WC off), 3 bedrooms (bed 1 and 2 with fitted furniture), refitted shower room, drive providing ample off road parking, garage and pleasant garden. BEARWOOD OFFIE 0121 434 4345

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SMETHWICK

Davison Road

A deceptively spacious, well proportioned, three bedroomed intermediate family home requiring internal inspection to be fully appreciated, having gas radiator heating, double glazing and briefly comprising: Entrance vestibule, delightful lounge, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, off road parking and pleasant rear garden. BEARWOOD OFFICE 0121 434 4345

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SMETHWICK

Pearman Road

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OLDBURY

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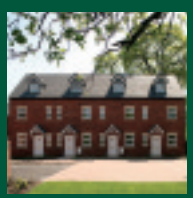

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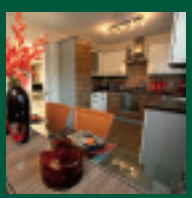

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- Lawned rear garden with southerly aspect
- Downstairs WC, kitchen & side veranda
- Potential to extend subject to planning permissions
- 2 reception rooms - No upward chain

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WEST BOULEVARD, QUINTON

- 3 bed terraced home needing modernisation
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- Majority UPVC d/g & night storage heating
- No upward chain - vacant possession
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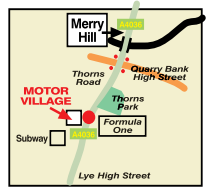

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1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Borough Council of Sandwell has made an Order, in accordance with the provisions of Sections 14 and 15 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any pedestrian or pedal cyclist from proceeding along the entire length of the pedestrian subway at Owen Street, Tipton which runs beneath the railway track.
2. The alternative route for pedestrians and pedal cyclists will be via Owen Street underpass, Alexandra Road and vice versa.
3. The purpose and reason for the Order is to facilitate works associated with the waterproofing of the pedestrian subway.
4. The Order will take effect on 18th April 2011, and it is anticipated that the works may commence on that day. The works are expected to be completed on 26th April 2011. The Order may continue in force for a period not exceeding 6 months, unless extended for a longer period by the Secretary of State for Transport, or until the works in connection with the Order have been completed whichever is the sooner.
5. Any queries about the works to take place should be directed to James Rendle of Buckingham Group Contracting Ltd on telephone number 01280 823355. Any queries about the effect of the order on traffic using the highway should be directed to Keith Sansom, Traffic and Road Safety Manager, Environment House, Lombard Street, West Bromwich, B70 8RU (Telephone 0121 569 4149).

DATED this 31st day of March 2011

N SHARMA
Director of Legal and Governance Services
Sandwell Council House
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Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2010
NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 11 OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

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Applicant : Mr Steve Clay

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Local planning Authority to whom the application is being submitted: Sandwell MBC, Planning Department, PO BOx 42, Development House, Lombard Street, West Bromwich, B70 8RU.

Any owner of the land or tenant who wishes to make representations about this application, should write to the council within 21 days of the date of this notice.

Signatory: Mr Dean Shaw (For and on Behalf of Bryant Priest Newman Architects).
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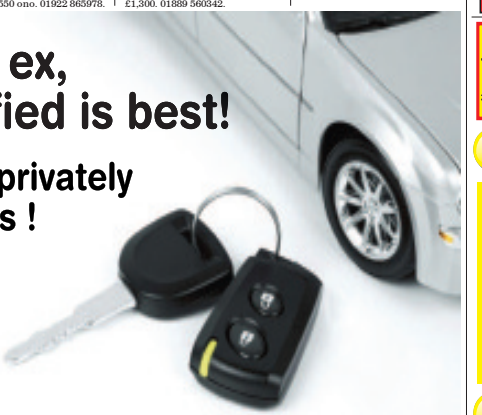

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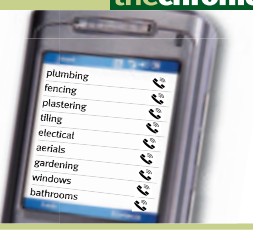

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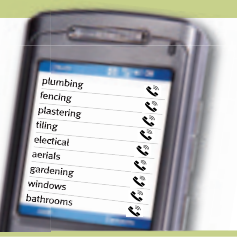

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Reunion time at Tipton Harriers, front, left to right: Guest speaker Dave Moorcroft, club president Ron Bentley and Ray Williams. Centre: Tony Milosorov. Back: Phil Nicholls, Martin Williams, Chris Martin, Mike Buntin, Eddie Wedderburn, Andy Holden, and Kate Williams

Harriers celebrate century of success

FOR more than 100 years, the name of Tipton Harriers has been known across the country for some of the Black Country's finest athletes.

World record breakers, Olympians, and renowned national champions have all slipped into a green and white hooped vest in the hunt of medals.

Members of Tipton Harriers AC have been in reflective mood to celebrate the milestone in its history with a ball at the Copthorne Hotel, Brierley Hill.

Both individual and team success on track, road and cross-country has characterised the club since it was established on September 24, 1910, when it broke away from Birmingham-based Birchfield Harriers.

Its clubhouse for many years was on land off Waterloo Street. In the mid-1930s, Harriers president 'Inie' Palethorpe paid for land in Sedgley Road East and brought a large wooden building for the club's new home.

By 1938 the Harriers had created its own jumps and field events section and Jack Holden had won three international cross country titles.

Holden was a household name after setting a world record for a 30 miles track run in 1946 and competed at the 1948 London Olympics in the Marathon. More success came when Holden won the Empire Games Marathon in New Zealand, following with the European title in Brussels in 1950, aged 43.

In 1954 a women's section was added to the club.

A consortium with the Harriers, Tipton Town FC and Tipton Town cricket club identified a 19-acre plot for a new ground off Gospel End Road. Costing £80,000 and boasting the Harriers' first 440 yards cinder track, the Tipton Sports Union Trust ground was opened by the Duke of Edinburgh on June 4, 1971.

Tony Milosorov has been a member for almost four decades. He still holds the 14th best time for a British runner after he finished sixth in the 1989 London Marathon. During his prolific athletics career, Tony amassed around 60 national medals during the 1980s and 90s. The 52-year-old says the club's togetherness had been the driving force for its popularity and success.

"The strength of Tipton is that even in a sport which is seen to be all about the individual, this is very much a club with a strong team ethic and that's why it's been so successful," he said.

Following concerns about subsidence, the Harriers began talks with Sandwell Cou cil about a possible new site. Thanks to around £3m of National Lottery cash, Tipton Sports Academy was created in 1998 with a host of facilities including tennis courts.

Club President Ron Bentley, aged 80, once held the 24-hour world record when he completed 161 miles and 545 yards in a single event in 1973. "It is the greatest club in England if you ask me and it's been fantastic to be able to bring everyone together," he said.

Former world 5,000m record holder David Moorcroft gave a rousing after speech for the Tiptonians centenary function.

"The club has such a wonderful history with so many top class runners," he said.

Fans get chance to join Blind Dave for local leg of epic run

INSPIRATIONAL blind marathon man Dave Heeley is offering Albion, Villa and Blues fans the chance to join him for the Birmingham leg of his next big fundraising venture.

West Bromwich man and keen Baggies fan Blind Dave will be embarking upon ten marathons in ten days as well as 800 miles of cycling in his journey to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support.

His gruelling Top2toe challenge starts on August 10 from John O' Groats before arriving at the finishing line in Lands End, on August 19.

In his home leg, when the local fans will join him, Dave is due to set off from Birmingham Town Hall on Tuesday August 16 at 6am, where five supporters from each club are being given the chance to join him on his 26.2 miles run from the city centre to Worcester.

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LIONS' first Premier League match of the new season was hit be technical problems as the power supply went down in the second part of the senior match.

Wednesfield Aces got the upper hand from the first heat but they still had work hard to cross the line as winners.

Ben Dickenson being excluded for moving at the tapes, helped the Aces start with a heat win and losing Matt Smith in heat seven for the same thing did not help the Lions in their battle to get on level terms.

Young Scott Millward showed why so many people believe this lad has a bright future in the sport. He just gets better with every match. Lee Smith, one of the mainstays of this Lions side, also put in a good peformance and Lewis Bates backed these two.

Lee Aris showed he still knows his way around the tight Sandwell track. He received backing from both Dylan Radcliffe and Dave Jewkes to give Wednesfield a very solid look, which could see them once again pushing for honours come September.

Sandwell: Scott Millward 17, Lewis Bates 16, Lee Smith 16+1, Matthew Smith 9, Errol Thaw 8, Leighton Bates 6, Ben Dickenson 6.

Wednesfield: Lee Aris 17, Dylan Radcliffe 17, Chris Jewkes 16, Matt Beheddel 14, Luke Draisey 10, Mark Griffiths 7, Ben Higham 7, Terry Norman 7.

As in the first team match, Sandwell second team dropped behind from the first heat, and never got back on level terms with the Aces second team. Matt Smith won his first heat, and took a fall in his second, after which he took no further part in the meeting. The Lions lost by 51 points to 74.

On the ball – coaches Dave Willetts and Lee Hopkins getting ready for the four-day football training camp

Invite to youngsters

YOUNGSTERS wanting to avoid Easter holiday boredom can take part in a four-day football camp.

Sandwell Leisure Trust, part of Sandwell Council, is running the event at Haden Hill Leisure Centre in Cradley Heath.

Youngsters aged from eight to 15 who wish to develop their soccer skills are invited to attend, no matter what their ability.

The camp will take place from April 18 to 21 and will include soccer skills, team games and challenges. The final day of the camp will include a trip to Eastlands, the home of Manchester City.

The camp costs £45 per person which includes all four days plus the trip to Manchester. Youngsters are asked to bring their own trainers and shin pads.

For further details contact the leisure centre on 0845 659 4815.

Albion coaches passing on skills to Phoenix students

A NEW generation of footballers from a Wednesbury school were given an insight into the dedication it takes to become a pro when they took part in a training session run by the Albion Foundation.

More than 30 pupils from Phoenix Collegiate, pictured right with teachers and coaches, took part in the session held at the new Pulse Soccer and Fitness Centre, on Friar Park Road.

As well as teamwork games, pupils were taught technical football work and were able to put their new skills into practice in a series of tournaments.

Opportunity

Ben Redfern, director of sport at the Phoenix Collegiate, said: "We have some talented pupils at the Collegiate, many of them Baggies fans, so it was fantastic to be able to give them the opportunity to be taught by coaches from the club. They certainly learnt that becoming a professional footballer takes a lot of skill and commitment, but it comes as no surprise that the hard work involved hasn't put them off."

Dave Lawrence, Sandwell and Birmingham development officer at The Albion Foundation, who helped coach the youngsters, added: "Everyone involved had a fantastic time, there's definitely some talent to watch out for."

Promoting the Lords Taverners Golf Day at Astbury Hall Golf Course in September are (from left) Ken Downing, Jasper Carrot and Bev Bevan.
Picture: James Watkins

Golf course rocking ready for charity day

by James Fisher

IT was another cold March afternoon, perhaps not the best weather to promote a charity golf tournament, but the day was soon lit up by a comedian and two rock stars.

At Astbury Hall Golf course on the outskirts of the Shropshire market town of Bridgnorth, West Bromwich rock legend Ken Downing and event co-ordinator Dave Coleman were busy promoting the latest Lord's Taverners' Charity Golf Day.

The event has been held at the home of Judas Priest guitarist Ken Downing for two years and last Wednesday the media were invited down to chat about the third instalment, which is being held on September 14.

As well as Ken, also known as KK to legions of heavy metal fans across the globe, comedian Jasper Carrott and renowned ELO drummer Bev Bevan were also making their way to the course, having signed up to help promote the event.

The Lord's Taverners is the UK's leading youth cricket and disability sports charity, whose mission is to give a sporting chance to those in need.

It focuses on promoting youth cricket in disadvantaged areas, while providing sports and recreational equipment for young people with disabilities and special needs, which include sports wheelchairs, specially adapted minibuses and sensory play areas.

Events are held across the country throughout the year and KK has kindly allowed the use of his private golf course.

"This year will be a far larger affair, with guests treated to a laser clay shoot prior to the day's event, along with trick shot entertainment before the dinner and the chance to buy a DVD of the day, with donations from the sales going to the Lord's Taverners," said Dave.

"We look forward to hosting what is fast becoming the must play charity golf day in the region.

"Last year was oversubscribed and we anticipate the same situation, but we'll be running it on a first come, first serve basis. The public can also come along and watch some of the golf."

With preparations nearly complete KK, who plays off a +14 handicap and helped design the course at Astbury, spared a few moments to explain why the day was going ahead.

Charity

"It's the third year we have run it and we offer a package with four ball teams for a collective fee, which includes the golf, refreshments and an evening meal," he said.

"It's all in aid of the charity and my part is to give up the use of the golf course for free.

"As the facility increases in size each year it means we can get more people involved, making more for the charity."

With Jasper Carrott and Bev Bevan arriving things were briefly put on hold as they grabbed a quick coffee – after admitting to getting lost trying to find the remote venue.

Jasper, who has been a member of the Lord's Taverners since 1975 and plays off a +16 handicap, spoke of how he had come to be involved in the event this year.

"I met Ken for the first time last year when we were playing a charity do for Help for Heroes, which was run by Bev Bevan in Sutton Coldfield," he said. "Obviously I'd heard of Judas Priest but I'd never met Ken. While we played he mentioned this event at Astbury Hall."

Jasper has been playing golf since 1980 and has previously captained golf teams through the Variety Club Golf Society, an organisation that also aims to help disabled and disadvantaged children.

"I was actually a golf journalist for three or four years, writing for the Daily Telegraph, covering the Masters in 2002 – I even ended up having lunch with Sam Snead," added Jasper.

"I've always been interested in the history of golf and the technique.

"Celebrity golf is sometimes overdone but you certainly don't come across courses that put events like this on very often.

"I'll always try and make events like this, but of course things can come up, but the celebrities want to make sure they make a lot of money for the charity."

Bev Bevan, formerly of ELO and now touring with The Move, said: "I held my own charity golf day in Sutton Coldfield, which Ken came to and we played together.

"It was my first one in aid of Help for Heroes," said Bev, who plays off a +18 handicap.

"He mentioned he had his own golf course, which is very impressive – I've got a par three in my back garden, which I used to think was quite good!"

For more information or to check availability for the Lord's Taverners Charity Golf Day at Astbury Hall Golf Course, call Dave Coleman on 07973394902 or email david@dcoleman4.orangehome.co.uk

sport

Crucial Black Country derby on Sky Sports

THE Black Country derby at Molineux will be shown live on Sky Sports.

The potentially pivotal relegation showdown between Wolves and Albion on May 8 had already been moved to Sunday, with a 1pm kick-off, on police advice. But it will now be screened live by Sky at noon.

Albion are a point and two places above third-from-bottom Wolves now, meaning the game could be one of the most important derby matches ever between the clubs, with just two matches left afterwards in the battle for Premiership survival.

Wolves' final away game of the season at Sunderland and Albion's last home match, against Everton, have now been scheduled for Saturday, May 14, with a 12.45pm kick-off. Villa's trip to Arsenal will take place at 4pm the following day.

All Premier League fixtures during the penultimate weekend of the season have been moved from 3pm on Saturday to avoid a clash with the FA Cup Final, which is being played on the same day as league matches for the first time. All league games will be played earlier on Saturday or on Sunday. The decision by Sunderland to choose a lunchtime slot will leave Wolves fans with a very early start for the trip to Wearside. The Cup Final has been moved from its usual end-of-season spot to allow the Wembley pitch time to recover for the Champions League final.

Blame us not Hodgson for his short reign, says Liverpool skipper

LIVERPOOL skipper Steven Gerrard has given Roy Hodgson the stamp of approval despite the Albion head coach's brief ill-fated reign at Anfield.

Gerrard is hoping to make his return from injury at The Hawthorns to give Hodgson even more to think about as he plots to counter Liverpool.

"He's such a good guy and a fantastic coach – it just didn't work out for him at Liverpool," said Gerrard. "The players didn't perform consistently for him. We as players have to take responsibility. I think (with Liverpool fans) it's more that they idolise Kenny Dalglish. Every time there were a couple of bad results, the fans were getting on the manager's back."

'We've got momentum'

ROY Hodgson's right-hand man believes the Baggies have regained their momentum with a five-match unbeaten run since the departure of Roberto Di Matteo.

Michael Appleton, confirmed as Hodgson's assistant for the rest of the season, believes they will approach the final part of their campaign with confidence restored after winning one and drawing four.

"Momentum in sport is massive," said Appleton. "They use the phrase in rugby league a lot, and being a Salford lad I am a big rugby league fan.

"When you start picking up points you tend to get that belief back in the side and there is definitely a belief back in the squad that we can get out of trouble and we can stay in the Premier League."

Roy won't be left red-faced, says Olsson

ALBION'S players are backing Roy Hodgson to take 'Liverpool week' in his stride as the new head coach homes in on three more survival points.

The Baggies are in for a high profile week as Hodgson's abortive reign at Anfield comes back into the spotlight with his first game against his former employers at The Hawthorns on Saturday.

The Albion gaffer has gone some way to repairing whatever damage was done to his reputation with his impressive start in the Black Country – an unbeaten four-game sequence.

And the players who have responded so quickly to his methods know enough about Hodgson to expect nothing to disturb his focus on the challenge coming Albion's way this weekend.

"The occasion will be blown up by the media," predicted defender Jonas Olsson.

"But we have seen what a good manager he is. He is unbeaten since he's arrived and has done a brilliant job so far.

"All of the players are on board with him and taking in his ideas. He's only had five or so weeks yet we are already seeing the results from the changes he's made.

"I think we had struggled with organisation, the shape of the team and doing our jobs as a unit, especially the defence. That's what's been highlighted the most since he came.

"We've been working 11 v 11, using the big pitch, working on game situations. We are more solid than we were but, with the ball, we can still play some good football.

Promising

"If we can just stay up this year and have a whole pre-season with this gaffer then we'll have some very promising times ahead."

Hodgson rarely completes a round of media duties as Albion head coach without some reference to Liverpool which are politely batted away as he has refused to antagonise a controversial issue.

He left the club after just 31 games at the helm – the shortest managerial reign in Liverpool's history – in early January.

But Olsson added: "I don't see him as the kind of man who will get carried away with the Liverpool issue.

"For him it's another three points."

Liverpool is just an opportunity for another three points towards survival for Albion boss Roy Hodgson

Hou's the man to rescue Villa, says McAllister

VILLA assistant boss Gary McAllister has backed Gerard Houllier's managerial experience to get the club out of trouble.

The claret and blues are a point above the Premier League drop zone and face a difficult trip to Everton on Saturday, but McAllister claimed that he expects them to pull clear.

"He is a very experienced manager and has been in all of the football situations you can imagine. He will come back refreshed and ready to go," said McAllister.

"Gerard and I have said all along that there is an abundance of quality here but I also feel that we have got some good characters in the side.

Hunger

"We have got people who are going to step up to the mark and produce the levels of desire and hunger to get the results we need.

"It goes without saying that we want to get the results early to alleviate pressure towards the end.

"If we could get a run of three victories we'd take that but if that is not the case we know that we have got to get into the games and get on that little run again."

Tividale have sights firmly set on glory

TIVIDALE 1 AFC WULFRUNIANS 0

TIVIDALE took an enormous step towards winning the West Midlands Regional League Premier Division title with a well deserved 1-0 victory over nearest rivals AFC Wulfrunians.

The home sided started brightly and gradually built up pressure on the visitors defence and were unlucky not to take the lead in the 12th Minute when an excellent 15-yard shot from Lee Chilton hammered into the frame of the goal.

Two minutes later came the deciding moment of the game when Tividale were awarded a penalty after striker Brett Clarke was brought down from behind as he was about to shoot.

AFC Wulfunians vociferously contested the penalty to such an extent that the referee, who was perfectly placed to see the foul, was left with no choice but to yellow card three of the visiting players.

Tividale Top scorer Chris Russell calmly despatched the ball to score what turned out to be the winning goal.

The remainder of the first half saw the home team on top and little was seen of a visiting attack that had mustered 17 goals in their last four matches.

The pattern of the first half was initially repeated in the second with Tividale again looking the most likely team to score until the hard-working Adam Hill was given a straight red card following a tackle on Chip Southern, which left the home team with 40 minutes to play with 10 men.

The remainder of the match was a fascinating affair with the visitors huffing and puffing and taking every opportunity to get the ball into the Tividale penalty area to their tall forwards only to be repealed by a patched up defence that had already lost the pivotal Joel Kettle, who failed a pre-match fitness test.

The tactic failed miserably and the league's top scorers did not get a single effort on target. At the other end of the pitch, James Cooper and Brett Clarke again rattled the Wulfrunians woodwork.

At the end of the game, which almost certainly ended AFC Wulfrunians chances of winning the league title, Tividale can thank two outstanding performances for their ascent to within one point of the leaders with three games in hand .

The hard-working lone striker Lee Chilton, who ran the visitors defence ragged with amazing energy, and man of the match, Mark Turton, who only came into the team as a last minute, stood out.

For the Wulfrunians, it was their big day but they failed to turn up.

Jakab nets hat-trick

MALVERN 0 TIPTON 7

TIPTON Town cruised to a routine victory to record their largest win of the season at second-from-bottom Malvern.

The in-form Jozsef Jakab hit another hat-trick to take his tally for the season to 31 – 12 of which have come in the last six games for the Midland Football Alliance high-flyers.

The two sides had met just over three weeks ago where Tipton were 5-0 winners, and the writing was on the wall for the home side early on when John Hill cleared the crossbar from close range inside two minutes after Ross Brown had got his head to Marcus Jackson's free-kick.

It wasn't long before the opening goal came, seven minutes in, when Tipton found a way through.

Jackson's cross was flicked on by Lee Osbourne and although Jakab's first effort was blocked he made no mistake second time around.

Ross Brown forced the home keeper Craig Humphreys into a fine save soon after and the keeper did even better from the rebound to tip Danny Bragoli's shot onto the crossbar and behind for a corner.

Inside 15 minutes the lead was doubled when Hill's header forward found Jackson and the tricky winger ghosted inside three challenges before beating the keeper from the edge of the box.

Osbourne was denied by Humphries before his flick set Jakab away to net his second and Tipton's third just before the half-hour mark.

Two minutes before the break Alex Cowley was inches away from getting on the scoresheet when he beat two players to make room for a shot and beat the keeper but his effort come back off the post.

Jakab completed his hat-trick seven minutes after the break when Osbourne's cross picked him out and Jakab headed past Humphries from six yards out.

Bragoli and Jackson both had chances to extend the score as the one-way traffic continued. Tipton then made chances with Danny Campbell, Danny Forrest and Cameron Jones all coming on.

Three goals in a four-minute spell towards the end of the game aided the goal difference.

Campbell got his name on the scoresheet after a poor back header and Hill finally netted his first goal of the season when he headed home a Cameron Jones corner at the back post. Not to be outdone, Osbourne added the final goal with a neat finish from close range.

The win takes Tipton six points clear of Loughborough who moved into second place. Coalville are eight points behind with two games in hand to set up an exciting final five weeks.

Tipton travel to Boldmere St Michaels on tonight (Thursday, 7.30pm).

They host Alvechurch on Saturday.

Joy for Jukes

BUSTLEHOLME 3 WELLINGTON 0

BUSTLEHOLME continued their good run when they entertained Wellington.

It was the home side who took the lead when Ryan Trumpeter's mazy run ended with a through ball to Matty Jukes who finished well from 12 yards.

The same two players combined again just before the break when Trumpeter was upended in the box and Jukes grabbed his second of the game from the spot.

After the break the match continued much the same with Bustleholme dominating.

It wasn't long before Jukes bagged his hat-trick when Connor Scott played him in after a goalmouth scramble giving Bustleholme three more points.

SPEEDWAY

Brummies edged out by the Pirates

BRAVE Birmingham were edged out 48-42 by title favourites Poole on their return to top flight racing at Perry Barr.

The Brummies, who were promoted during the winter, could so easily have sprung a surprise but Poole had too much strength in-depth.

It was a thrilling night of racing on a well prepared track and the Brummies will rue two falls suffered by Ben Barker, which proved costly.

Brummies got off to a nightmare start with skipper Krzysztof Kasprzak crashing spectacularly out of heat 1, referee Jim Lawrence ruling that there had been no contact with Russian rider Renat Gafurov who had moved out to mid-track.

Gafurov duly teamed up with Chris Holder to give the Pirates maximum points in the re-run but the Brummies would not let the visitors pull away, although they dropped further points in heat 3 when Barker fell on the third bend, quickly clearing the track with partner Daniel King up-front.

Poole completed the win in heat 14 after Birmingham managed to stay on contention with a gusty display which deserved some consolation.

Birmingham's next home meeting is against the USA Tourists in a National League standard meeting on Thursday, April 7.

BIRMINGHAM 42: Krzysztof Kasprzak 11, Daniel King 9, Daniel Nermark 8+2, Kevin Wolbert 7+2, Ales Dryml 3, Dakota North 2+2, Ben Barker 2.

POOLE 48: Chris Holder 13, Jason Doyle 12+1, Dennis Andersson 10+3, Davey Watt 8, Renat Gafurov 4+2, Kyle Newman 1, Darcy Ward r/r.

Brummies got their first win of the new Elite League era with a 46-43 thriller over fellow top flight newcomers King's Lynn at Perry Barr.

Whilst the result wasn't enough to secure the aggregate win in the Elite Elevation Trophy, victory on the night was the most important thing after three straight defeats for the new Brummies team.

Polish star Krzysztof Kasprzak showed exactly why he was recruited to be the new Brummies No.1 with a stunning display. The World Cup winner suffered mechanical trouble in heat 1 but was then unbeaten as the Brummies secured a welcome win in a last-heat decider. Maximum points for Lynn in heat 12 could have been a major blow, and it cut the gap to a single point, but Kasprzak again performed well to lower the colours of the previously unbeaten Kenneth Bjerre in heat 13.

Brummies looked set to clinch victory with a 5-1 in heat 14 but Kevin Wolbert was caught out by Mads Korneliussen on the run to the line.

With Lynn surprisingly resting top scorer Bjerre from the last race, matters were a little easier for Kasprzak, and he didn't disappoint with a rapid start to complete his team's first win of the new season.

BIRMINGHAM 46: Krzysztof Kasprzak 11+1, Daniel King 10, Daniel Nermark 8, Ales Dryml 7+1, Kevin Wolbert 7, Theo Pijper 2+2, Rene Bach 1.

KING'S LYNN 43: Kenneth Bjerre 11, Sam Masters 8+1, Mads Korneliussen 7+2, Niels-Kristian Iversen 5+1, Olly Allen 5, Filip Sitera 4, Tomas Topinka 3+1.

Kasprzak reeled off a hat-trick of wins for Birmingham but they suffered a 56-38 defeat at King's Lynn in the first leg of the Elite Elevation Trophy at Perry Barr.

Kasprzak was head and shoulder above his colleagues and also produced the most exciting race of the night when he pipped Danish World Cup winner Niels Kristian Iversen to the post in heat 15. But Lynn were the stronger all-round team. After Daniel Nermark's win in heat 6 just eight-points split the sides but King's Lynn clearly had the greater firepower in their first outing of the season. Kasprzak and Danny King finished second in their respective tactical rides for Birmingham as Drury tried to perform a damage limitation exercise.

KING'S LYNN: Niels Kristian Iversen 11+1, Mads Korneliussen 9+1, Tomas Topinka 8+2, Olly Allen 8+1, Filip Sitera 8+1, Kenneth Bjerre 8, Lasse Bjerre 4+3.

BIRMINGHAM: Krzysztof Kasprzak 14, Danny King 9, Daniel Nermark 5, Ben Barker 4, Theo Pijper 3, James Wright 2+1, Ales Dryml 1.

NEW Dudley Heathens signing Luke Chessell has vowed to start the season on time, despite suffering a broken bone in his wrist. Chessell had to turn down the chance to race in Saturday's British Under-21 semi-final at Stoke because of the injury sustained in practice. But he has told Heathens boss Will Pottinger that he should be fit and raring to go for the opening meeting against the USA tourists at Wolverhampton on Tuesday, April 12.

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